

Redevelopment Plans Revealed For Downtown SP

By FRED T. ROSSI
For The Westfield Leader

SCOTCH PLAINS — Four and a half years after its establishment, the downtown redevelopment committee last week presented its vision for some of the public properties in the central business district, while also unveiling initial ideas for new first-responder headquarters on Plainfield Avenue.

At what Mayor Joshua Losardo described as an “important and historic” meeting on August 11, the committee presented the most comprehensive blueprint for downtown redevelopment after several decades of studies, task forces and other efforts that never were fully realized. The mayor and other redevelopment officials urged members of the public to remain engaged as the process moves forward. “This is not the end of the discussions,” redevelopment coordinator Thomas Strowe said, but “the beginning.”

The committee and the public will further discuss the redevelopment

plan at the committee’s Wednesday, September 8 meeting before the township council formally adopts the plan and then seeks out developers to implement that plan.

Last Wednesday, township planner Michael Mistretta spent an hour reviewing some details of the redevelopment plans. The township’s affordable-housing obligations — codified in a court-backed settlement with builders in 2018 — are being used as a mechanism to revive the downtown through a mix of residential apartments and new commercial space along with some new public open spaces.

Mr. Mistretta said that a maximum of 350 residential units, with certain set-asides for affordable units, will be situated in new, five-story developments where the municipal building and adjacent parking lot are now located, as well as where the municipal parking lot in front of the library now exists. A minimum of 15,000 square feet of first-floor commercial space will be included in those new build-

ings. A new, 27,000-square-foot, two-story library will be built where the current library sits, and 16,000 square feet of municipal government offices will be located on the third floor of that same building.

The plans also call for development of two sizable public plazas — an 8,000-square-foot plaza on Park Avenue on the town hall property and a 5,500-square-foot plaza between the library and a new, mixed-use building on Bartle Avenue. These plazas, Mr. Mistretta said, could be used for various township events, most significantly the Saturday Farmers Market. In addition, the main parcel of open space in the downtown, the Alan Augustine Village Green at the corner of Park Avenue and Front Street, will remain.

The new buildings, five stories high except for any located on Forest Road, will be designed to avoid what Mr. Mistretta described as a “canyon appearance.” The third, fourth and fifth floors of the buildings will be set back from the lower floors of the buildings so that they are less visible from the street. He also said the plans will mandate that new buildings be constructed using high-quality materials on all sides. Conceptual renderings of what the new buildings might look like show a resemblance to buildings in downtown Princeton, which was the committee’s aim following a design survey it conducted a few years ago. The existing public parking lots in the downtown, encompassing some 400 parking spaces, will be redistributed — ideally within some of the new buildings — along with new parking options to serve the new development.

Mr. Mistretta also addressed the site on Plainfield Avenue that looks to be the eventual new home for the police and fire departments and the rescue squad. A rough sketch was shown of how the property, with a 54,500-square-foot, two-story building housing all three entities, might look, with the police and fire departments occupying a combined 41,000 square feet; the rescue squad, 7,500 square feet; the office of emergency management, 2,500 square feet, and, if necessary, 3,500 square feet for the municipal court. Discussions are underway with several neighboring towns about a possible shared-court system, which, if successful, would negate the need for space for a courtroom and offices and, Mr. Mistretta noted, reduce the size of the new Plainfield Avenue building and the size of its parking lot.

Several redevelopment committee members spoke about the plan, with Steve Goldberg describing himself as “really gung ho.” Referring to the renderings shown, he said he would be “proud to live in a town that looked like that.” Dauna Jendrek said she was “excited” by the plan, calling it “something our town needs.” Colleen Gialanella urged that an effort be made to ensure that youth arts and performance spaces are included in the plans. Zoning Officer Robert LaCosta said efforts should be made to bury underground all utilities presently strung between or hung on poles in the downtown.

Remarks from the dozen residents who commented about the plans were generally favorable, with several urging township officials to, in the words of former Mayor Alexander Smith, “get on with this” after several years of planning. He said that, “I like what I saw,” but added that if the committee continues delaying the start of the actual redevelopment, “it will never get going.” Mr. Smith, who played a large role in the committee’s efforts during his four years in office, said delays are causing the loss of millions of dollars in tax revenues and the loss of opportunities to attract businesses.

He said separating municipal offices from the emergency-manage-

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BEFORE AND AFTER...The area pictured is located in District B and contains the existing municipal building. Proposed renderings show a four- and five-story building with apartments on top and storefronts on the first level just below.

Mayors Highlight Buttigieg Visit; Look to Future of One-Seat Ride

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

AREA — New Jerseyans living along the Raritan Valley Line (RVL) and their elected officials had good reason to be excited when Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg came to Westfield August 9 for a round-table discussion on infrastructure.

With the touted “bi-partisan infrastructure bill” inching its way through Congress, and the prospect of the Gateway Tunnel Project offering another tube connecting New Jersey to Manhattan, those living along the Raritan Valley Line could see life in their respective commuter communities transformed if the infrastructure bill becomes law.

“New Jersey alone would expect to see over four billion dollars for public transportation,” said Secretary Buttigieg on August 9, in front of the Westfield Municipal Building. “There’s funding for big projects like the Hudson Tunnel Project and the broader Gateway program.”

In the wake of Secretary Buttigieg’s visit, mayors along the Raritan Valley Line responded to the prospect of long-awaited improvements to the train lines many of their commuting residents depend on. Construction of a new tunnel would add capacity and allow for a “one-seat ride” connecting the RVL directly with New York Penn Station. Currently, RVL riders have to change trains in Newark for connection to Penn Station during peak commuting times.

Mayor Colleen Mahr discussed the visit with Fanwood’s Borough Council on August 16 during a regularly-scheduled meeting. She was on hand when Secretary Buttigieg visited Westfield and participated in the round-table discussion.

“This will potentially have a transformative impact on our community and our residents, because the money is there for the Gateway Tunnel Project,” said Mayor Mahr. She went on to call the prospective project a “lifeline” to the community.

Mayor Mahr is a founding member of the Raritan Valley Line Mayors’ Alliance, a bipartisan organization of local leaders from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex counties advocating for services just like the Gateway Tunnel Project.

Mayor Mahr explained that with increased access and trains going into the city as a result of a new tunnel, towns on the Raritan Valley Line like Fanwood would have access to the long-coveted, one-seat, direct access into Manhattan.

In addition to improving the quality of life for commuters who will not have to spend more hours on a train waiting to get home, residents along the Raritan Valley Line can expect their property values to increase.

“At the same time we get the one-seat ride, we see property values increase upwards to 30 percent,” said Mayor

Mahr. “If you look at our neighboring towns that have one-seat rides, whether it be Morristown or along the Essex County Line, those property values are up 30 percent.”

Mayor Shelley Brindle of Westfield, another founding member of the Raritan Valley Line Mayors’ Alliance, shared her reaction to Secretary Buttigieg’s visit with her constituents during a Westfield Town Council meeting held on August 10.

“We were thrilled to host Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg yesterday right here in Town Hall to meet with members of the RVL Mayors’ Alliance and Congressman Tom Malinowski for a robust discussion about the importance of infrastructure improvements in the region,” said Mayor Brindle.

“I shared my personal experience about the toll that an inconsistent and increasingly unreliable commute takes over time — a story shared by so many residents in Westfield,” said Mayor Brindle. “The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal would enable, among many other key improvements, the long-overdue Gateway Tunnel to be built and pave the way for the one-seat ride this region deserves.”

On the front lawn of the Westfield Municipal Building, in front of a large

press corps that included national reporters, journalists and cameras, Secretary Buttigieg, sometimes referred to affectionately as “Mayor Pete” when he ran for the Democratic Nomination for President of the United States back in 2020, drove home the significance of what is contained within the federal infrastructure bill.

As of press time, the bill had passed the Senate, but has yet to officially become law.

“We have an opportunity, like we haven’t had in my lifetime, to modernize our transportation infrastructure, to make people’s commute safer, faster, more reliable,” explained Secretary Buttigieg. “Better infrastructure that will mean better commutes and a better quality of life in our communities.”

According to gatewayprogram.org, the project “would increase resiliency and capacity along a 10-mile stretch of the NEC (Northeast Corridor).” The Hudson Tunnel Project calls not only for the rehabilitation of the existing North River Tunnel, but construction of a new rail tunnel beneath the Hudson River. According to hudsontunnelproject.com, the North River Tunnel under the Hudson River has deteriorated because of both age and damage during Superstorm Sandy

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Commissioners Prepare For Early In-Person Voting

By JESSE WINTER
For The Westfield Leader

COUNTY — Early in-person voting is coming to New Jersey, just in time for the Tuesday, November 2 General Election.

After early-voting state legislation was passed back in March, registered voters will have the option to cast their votes during a nine-day period prior to November 2. Early voting will be available from Saturday, October 23, through Sunday, October 31.

In preparation for the early voting, the Union County Board of County Commissioners passed two resolutions at its August 12 meeting, accepting grant money from the state authorizing the purchase of voting equipment and payment for storage.

The purchase of early-voting equipment is a state-mandated measure with the passage of the early-voting legislation in March.

The first resolution accepts funds totaling approximately \$3 million and

will “provide voting equipment, including electronic poll books and voting machines, project management and onsite services for early voting.”

The second resolution leases warehouse space “for the Union County Board of Elections’ new early voting and Election Day equipment for a period of 24 months for an amount not to exceed \$318,600.00.”

The lease agreement is with Liberty Group of Berkeley Heights.

Voting equipment will be purchased from Election Systems and Software of Omaha, Neb., providing electronic poll books that run on a tablet and feature “electronic signature capture,” according to the company’s website.

As part of the purchase, the county will take possession of 1,300 new pieces of election equipment, noted Union County Board of Elections Administrator Nicole DiRado, who addressed the commissioners during their August meeting.

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Mountainside Council Appoints Personnel, Volunteers

By **KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL**
For The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE — In front of a packed council chambers Tuesday evening, members of the Mountainside governing body appointed new volunteers and personnel during their regular monthly meeting.

Brenden Carlos was appointed as a Mountainside police officer. Officer Carlos had worked for the last four years in the Union County Sheriff's Office and was a member of the National Guard. It was noted that he graduated from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights and currently resides in Kenilworth. His official start date was August 11.

James Pisauro was appointed as the part-time Fire Sub-Code Official. It had been previously reported that he was chosen from among four candidates. It was stated that he will earn \$45 per hour in this position and that it shall not exceed six hours a week.

Another appointment was that of Mauro Wolfe, Esq., to the Mountainside Public Library board. "Mr. Wolfe is a very practical person and he will help the library tremendously," Mayor Mirabelli had commented at the governing body's previous meeting.

Patricia Keane was also appointed to the library board. The mayor had stated at the last meeting that Ms. Keane was a "good fit" for the library, noting that she currently works in the library at the Valley View Middle School in Watchung.

Other appointments included Robert DeNora and Edward Kwesela III as volunteer firefighters and Rocco Menoni to join the Junior Firemen's Auxiliary program.

In addition, Michael Cuellar was appointed as the borough's assistant prosecutor and Rayanne Burns was appointed as the deputy court administrator.

In other business, two ordinances were unanimously passed upon second reading. Ordinance 1297-2021 appropriates the sum of \$820,000 for the purchase of 90 New Providence Road and 903 Mountain Avenue. This area, as reported in earlier meetings, will be preserved by various Mountainside volunteer groups as well as the governing body of the borough, for the enjoyment of Mountainside residents. Grants and fund-raising efforts are reported to be the main funding sources for the project, in addition to the sale of Mountainside properties and monies in reserve.

Ordinance 1298-2021 also was

unanimously passed upon its second reading, allowing businesses with a liquor license to open at 11 a.m.

Additionally, an ordinance was passed upon first reading authorizing the sum of \$17,415 to purchase upgraded pager systems for the fire department. It was reported that, currently, the system is run on a 400 band system and will be upgraded to a 700 system to keep within the same systems as neighboring communities. It was said that the upgrade will provide much better communications.

Under separate business, a resolution was passed to authorize an application for a 2021 Recreation Trust Grant. The grant was said to be used for various upgrades within the borough such as bleachers for the field in back of municipal hall in addition to re-grading the infield. Also included were outdoor games at the pool and playground such as corn-hole games and Ping-Pong.

Further, it was announced that on Thursday, August 26, children ages 5 to 17 can participate in a series of triathlon events. Details for the event are available through the Mountainside Recreation Department.

The next meeting of the Mountainside Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m.

One Seat

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in 2012, and while "safe for use, frequent maintenance is required but is disruptive to the users of the tunnel." The North River Tunnel is currently traversed by approximately 450 trains each weekday.

The current estimated total cost of the proposed projects is \$11.6 billion, which would potentially be shared between New York, New Jersey, the federal government and Amtrak. The original time estimate on the project indicated that it would take 14 years to build a new tunnel.

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she said. Mask breaks will still be provided for all students throughout the day as long as the mask mandate is in place.

The next board of education meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 21. The meeting will be held in person in the cafeteria of Lincoln School.



DOGUST CELEBRATION...Dogs and humans were out in equal numbers at Monday evening's "DOGust Celebration," a universal birthday party for adopted and rescued dogs, held at Jerseyland Park in Scotch Plains.

Early Voting

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Ms. DiRado said there was nowhere to store the new equipment, leading the county to lease 5,000 square feet of warehouse space in Berkeley Heights.

"The Union County Board of Elections was awarded a grant of \$3.4 million for the purchase of additional voting equipment, including electronic poll books required by statute in order to effectuate early-voting and electric poll book sign-in," explained Ms. DiRado. In addition to equipment storage, the space will be used to "maintain and program" the new electronic voting equipment.

Raising a question regarding security during public comment was Bruce Paterson of Garwood.

"What kind of security are they [Liberty Group of Berkeley Heights] offering if it's our voting machines?" asked Mr. Paterson.

Responding to Mr. Paterson, Ms. DiRado remarked, "we are certainly working with our new landlord on security measures for the facility, which will be in place before we expect delivery." However, Ms. DiRado declined to go into detail as to what these measures are, in an effort to avoid compromising security. "Rest assured, we take the security of our elections very seriously," she said.

The new fleet of poll books will be rolled out prior to the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2.

For the early voting that will take place between Thursday, September 23 and Sunday, October 31, polls will be open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. — with polls running 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sundays.

A list of early-voting locations are: Union County College, 1033 Spring-

field Avenue, Seminar Room A/B, Cranford.

Sampson Community Center, 800 Anna Street, Elizabeth.

DeCorso Senior Center, 15 E. 4th Street, New Providence.

Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building, 1200 Myrtle Avenue, Plainfield.

Rahway Recreation Center, 275 E. Milton Avenue, Room 112, Rahway.

Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Shaffer Avenue, Roselle.

Union Township Senior Center, 652 Rahway Avenue, Union.

In more county news, County Commissioner Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded commended Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Congressman Tom Malinowski for attending the round-table discussion concerning infrastructure and the Raritan Valley Train Line hosted by Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle at Westfield's municipal building August 9.

"I wanted to quickly mention how much we appreciated having Congressman Tom Malinowski and Secretary [of Transportation] Pete Buttigieg in Westfield earlier this week advocating for improving the railway infrastructure in and around Union County," said Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded.

She expressed optimism regarding future infrastructure projects such as the Gateway Tunnel Project and one-seat-ride travel into Manhattan for commuting communities in Union County.

"It's great to see some of the efforts that have been going on for many, many years may soon be coming to fruition," said Commissioner Palmieri-Mouded.

The next Union County Commissioners' meeting will be held on Thursday, September 2, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Garwood Officials Commend New Administrator, Clerk

By **JULIA BONAVITACOLA**
For The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD — The Garwood Council met on August 12, when officials gave residents an update on multiple events transpiring in the borough. All members of the governing body were present except for Councilman Marc Lazarow, who was returning from vacation. Due to updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requirements, all members of the council and public were required to wear masks during the meeting.

This meeting marked the first time that Kyle Harris and Cathy Cameron took sole responsibility for the duties of borough administrator and municipal clerk, respectively. Mayor Sara Todisco praised both Mr. Harris and Ms. Cameron for their work so far in their roles. "I really appreciate [Mr. Harris'] hands-on, very on-site approach to the administrator position and I know [he'll] make a very positive impact on the community," she said. "Also, Ms. Cameron has been doing a wonderful job stepping into the role as clerk."

Council President Jen Blumenstock echoed Mayor Todisco's comments. "I've been seeing the benefits of their work these past couple weeks. It's just been really great working with [them]. Communication is topnotch," she said.

Mr. Harris gave the governing body a PowerPoint presentation that featured suggestions on grants to apply for. He recommended that Garwood apply for the 2021 Greening Union County grant and the Kids Trust Grant. The former grant would allow Garwood to plant trees around the community and in Hartman Park. The latter would allow Garwood to continue the Hartman Park accessibility project. Mr. Harris also recommended using the remaining balance of a 2019 grant to install security cameras in Hartman Park and start safety-lighting projects.

Mayor Todisco brought up the idea of building a pavilion in Hartman Park in the future. "[A pavilion] could really be beneficial for the community. Like [Mr. Harris] said, if that is done, the shading over the deck area would not be necessary at that point...The pavilion is more expensive, of course, but it does seem like that might be something that we want to strongly consider in the long term," she said. She acknowledged that accessibility into Hartman Park was the more pressing matter for now and encouraged applying for the accessibility grant. The proposed pavilion

would likely be located at the site of the current bocce ball court, should such a structure be built.

The council agreed unanimously to apply for all of these grants. The grants will be part of a resolution to be voted on at the next meeting of the governing body.

In Mayor Todisco's report, she welcomed the new grocery store Lidl to the community. "This store really does brighten our eastern entrance into the community, and I hope many residents and visitors alike will get to check it out," she said.

Mayor Todisco also announced that she and Mr. Harris will tour local businesses on Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24, so that business owners can speak to them about how officials can further help local businesses. A mailing will go out to all local businesses to make them aware of this opportunity.

Councilman Vincent Kearney gave an update on the new livestreams of the council and planning board meetings. Councilman Kearney said that all livestreams are archived and available to watch anytime after a meeting. He encouraged the people of Garwood to subscribe to the YouTube channel, since once the channel reaches 100 subscribers, it will be able to get a custom name and can be linked on the front page of Garwood's website. "We're still working with Mr. Harris to get everything running smoothly with both the microphones and the presentations...Every participant must turn their microphone on so that they can be heard clearly both in the room and in the livestream," said Councilman Kearney. He also announced that the communications committee is in the process of getting portable microphones for planning board meetings.

The next council meeting is set to take place on Thursday, August 26. The meeting will be held in person in Borough Hall, as well as livestreamed to YouTube on the Garwood Borough channel.

Redevelopment

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ment office made no sense to him. Instead, he favored a shared-services deal for the Department of Public Works (DPW), which would then free up the DPW's Plainfield Avenue headquarters that Mr. Smith said could then be developed into a new municipal building.

Speaking of the plans, Lisa Magnotta, a local realtor, told the committee that "we need this desperately," pointing out that other towns have done similar things to revive their once-moribund downtowns, including Summit, Cranford and Madison. "It can be done," she added, saying it was important to entice people to move into the downtown and then patronize neighborhood restaurants and businesses. Others urged that strategies be formulated to attract new businesses to the downtown as redevelopment goes forward.

Several residents pointed out that the Plainfield Avenue site needed to be resolved and built before anything could be done with the existing municipal building, which houses the police department, and the adjacent firehouse. Mayor Losardo said he expects the planning board to consider the feasibility of the Plainfield Avenue site in the "very, very near future."

For the past few years, residents living near the Plainfield Avenue site have protested the possible relocation of emergency services, saying the area is unsafe for pedestrians and drivers due to speeding vehicles and large trucks. Cynthia Newman, a Westfield Avenue resident who heads the Scotch Plains Neighborhood Alliance — a group of residents living on Westfield Avenue and Westfield Road — told the committee, as she did a week earlier at a separate meeting about the Plainfield Avenue site, that she did not want the first responders to be headquartered in her neighborhood due mainly to police and other emergency vehicles racing down Westfield Avenue. As they did at that earlier meeting, Deputy Fire Chief Skip Paal and Police Chief Ted Conley noted that their drivers operate vehicles safely and do not speed except when absolutely necessary.

Vanessa Cole, a Westfield Avenue resident, asked why the emergency services needed to be moved out of the downtown, pointing to towns like Westfield and Cranford that house their first responders near to their downtowns. Mr. Paal said the north-side firehouse is too old and too small to accommodate his department's larger pieces of equipment.

Westfield to Observe 9/11 Anniversary

WESTFIELD — The Town of Westfield will observe the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks with a community gathering at the memorial site on North Avenue at East Broad Street.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine.



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Kenneth Ward, 78, Family Man, Executive, Merchant, Historian

Kenneth Ward, 78, husband, father, merchant, historian, of Westfield, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 7, after a 16-month battle with brain cancer. Ken was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University in 1964, and earned the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations. In 1966, he married Margaret McAllister of the same college class, and in 1975, the couple and their two children, Bill and Jane, moved to Westfield.

Ken had a successful career for more than two decades as an executive at National Utilities Industries, Inc. (Elizabethtown Gas Company) and was dedicated to serving the community his entire life. Combining his love of teaching, storytelling and his vast knowledge of history, he loved his work as president and lecturer of the Elizabeth Historical Society. He was also active with the non-profit Elizabeth Development Corporation, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, and served in many capacities at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield, including as Warden. He also was active

with the Sons of the American Revolution.

For more than 35 years, Ken and Margaret ran a successful merchant business that was handed down to them and will continue to the next generation.

Ken is survived by his son, Bill, and his wife, Amber, of New York City, and his daughter, Jane, and her husband, John, of Knoxville, Tenn.; his sister, Alison, of Quadra Island, British Columbia, and brother, Tom, of Edmonton, Alberta; and four grandchildren, Evelyn, Beckett, Eleanor and Lena. His beloved wife, Margaret, passed away in 2018.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield. Burial will follow in the Garth of St. Paul's, with a reception thereafter.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at <https://stpaulswestfield.org/give/>.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home of Westfield. Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences.



Kenneth Ward

Cranford Library to Host Picture Book Palooza

CRANFORD — The Cranford Public Library invites the community to attend its third annual Picture Book Palooza, featuring Anne Appert, Mike Ciccotello, Rosanne Kurstedt and Laura Sassi. The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

Picture-book authors will share books and crafts on Saturday, September 25, at 10 a.m., in the Cranford Community Center. This free event, for children ages 4 to 8 and their families, will provide young readers with an opportunity to meet the story creators.

No registration is required. Books will be on hand for purchase and autographing. Purchases may only be made with cash or checks.

Visitors are advised that masks, worn over the mouth and nose, are required for all patrons over the age of 2 at indoor and outdoor programs, regardless of vaccination status.

Persons who feel unwell, have a fever, or who think they might have been in contact with someone who is sick are asked to stay at home.

For information about the Cranford Public Library, visit the library website, cranfordlibrary.org.

— Obituaries —

Margaret Ryan, Loving Mother

Margaret (Peggy) Ann O'Donnell Ryan, 85, of Queensbury, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 14, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Peggy was born March 30, 1936, in Bayonne, N.J., the daughter of John and Marian (O'Neill) O'Donnell. She was raised in Linden, N.J., and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth, N.J., in 1953, and from Saint Elizabeth College (now University) in Morristown, N.J., in 1957.

Peggy taught Home Economics and ESL in several Union County, N.J. schools for 30 years. She and her husband raised their family in Westfield, N.J., before retiring to Queensbury, N.Y., in 2005.

In Queensbury, Peggy was very involved with their church, Our Lady of the Annunciation, serving as an Officer for the Rosary Altar Association, Faith Formation Office and annual holiday Classy Crafts event. She also volunteered at North Country Ministries in Warrensburg, N.Y., in their clothing store and yearly Gala.

In addition to her parents, Peggy was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Bernard (Rusty) Ryan, as well as her sister, Claire O'Donnell Ward. Survivors include her son, David

Ryan of Brooklyn, N.Y., and daughters, Maureen (Kurt) Walten of Arlington, Va., and Ellen Ryan (Scott Laffin) of Asheville, N.C.; three grandsons, Jack, Dan and Tim Walten; sisters-in-law, Peggy Zerrer of Bonita Springs, Fla., and BJ Burns of Atlanta, Ga., as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church, 448 Aviation Road, Queensbury, N.Y. The mass will be available to be viewed via live feed by signing onto: olaqueensbury.org starting at 9:15 a.m.

A private burial will be held at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, N.Y., at a later date.

Family and friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021, at the Singleton Sullivan Potter Funeral Home, 407 Bay Road, Queensbury, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Warren County Health Services — Division of Home Care, Municipal Center, 1340 State Route 9, Lake George, N.Y. 12845, or to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

August 19, 2021



Margaret (Peggy) Ryan

Josephine Grace 'Jo' Kmak, Devoted to Family, Students, Church, Community

On Monday, June 28, 2021, Josephine Grace Kmak, formerly of Gaithersburg, Md. and Scotch Plains, N.J., passed away in the presence of her devoted four daughters in Bethesda, Md., following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Walter Steven Kmak of Scotch Plains, N.J., and daughter of the late Christopher and Benedetta Cavuoto of Yonkers, N.Y., she was the loving mother of Dr. Leslie Ball of N. Bethesda, Md., Laurie Kruhoeffter of Excelsior, Minn., Karyn Ryan of Great Falls, Va., and Diane Wright of Montgomery County, Md.

Josephine was born on January 29, 1929 in Yonkers, N.Y., and graduated in 1946 from Charles E. Gorton High School in Yonkers. In 1950, Josephine earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, N.Y., and continued graduate studies at SUNY New Paltz. She began her teaching career in the Yonkers school system.

Josephine married Walter, the love of her life, in 1959 and relocated to New Jersey, where she established roots for her family and career. A passionate educator, Josephine embraced her calling for

over 30 years, inspiring a generation of children at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, N.J. Josephine also served as representative for the Westfield Education Association during the 1978 teachers' strike, advocating for fair pay and teachers' rights.

A devout Catholic, Josephine was a Eucharistic Minister and active member of the Rosary Altar Society at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. She was a dedicated member of the College of Mount Saint Vincent's Alumni Association.

Following her husband's passing in the early 1990s, Josephine retired and moved to Gaithersburg, Md., where she embraced a life full of activities with her children, grandchildren, and many friends. In retirement, Josephine was a volunteer and ardent supporter of the arts in the DC area. For over 15 years, she volunteered at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery and was an active Kennedy Center member. Josephine was also an enthusiastic member of the National Italian American Foundation and the Gaithersburg Area Newcomers Club. Josephine's passions included travel, Italian cooking, gardening and theatre.

Josephine is also survived by four devoted sons-in-law; nine adoring grandchildren, Walter Kruhoeffter, Anna Ball, Lt. Brett Kruhoeffter, Meghan Ball, Christopher Ball, Brendan Ryan, Kathryn Wright, Elisabeth Wright and Celina Ryan, and one great-grandson, Jordan Kruhoeffter. Josephine was predeceased by three siblings, Angela Cavuoto of Yonkers, N.Y., Grace Pilato of Rochester, N.Y., and Patrick Cavuoto of Shrub Oak, N.Y., and by her granddaughter Abigail Leigh Ryan of Great Falls, Va.

A Memorial Mass will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1571 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J., on Friday, August 27, at 10:30 a.m., followed at 12 p.m. by a Blessing and Committal Service at Saint Gertrude Chapel Mausoleum, 53 Inman Avenue, Colonia, N.J., where Josephine will be laid to rest with her beloved husband, Walter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or to the College of Mount Saint Vincent Annual Fund (www.mountsaintvincent.edu).

August 19, 2021

Helen Stewart Rivel, Longtime Westfield Resident

Helen Stewart Rivel, 100, formerly of 516 Hillside Avenue, died Thursday, August 5, at Orchard Hill Assisted Living, Sudbury, Mass., where she had resided since August 2019, with her son and daughter at her side. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 7, 1921, daughter of George William Stewart and Agnes Drummond, Helen graduated from the historic Erasmus Hall High School in 1938. From 1921 until 1967, she maintained a summer residence at Sandy Beach, Greenport, N.Y.

Helen married Robert B. Rivel on September 11, 1948, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and they moved to Westfield in 1960. Helen volunteered at Children's Specialized Hospital, and they were parishioners at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and active members of Echo Lake Country Club. Bob

died in 2001 at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt.

Helen is survived by her son, R. Wesley Rivel of Washington, DC; her daughter, Joan R. Pettrone (Mark J.) of Hudson, Mass., and six grandchildren — Joe Rivel (Andrea), Jesse R. Kichi (Navid), Sarah R. Franks (Mark), Kate P. Morse (Eric), Ann P. Gilmore (Brenden) and Abby P. Kellogg (Doug). In addition, she is survived by her 16 great-grandchildren. She loved them all, was in regular touch, and saw them all in the last few months.

Helen will be laid to rest with her husband at Pittsfield Cemetery this Fall, and please feel free to get in touch with the family via her e-mail, helen.stewart.rivel@gmail.com, anytime.



Helen Stewart Rivel

August 19, 2021

Judith Ann Nelson Johnson, 78, Loving Wife, Mother, Sister, Friend

Judith Ann Johnson, 78, of Hilton Head Island, S.C. (formerly of Westfield, N.J.), passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 28, 2020, one day after her 78th birthday.

Judy was born and raised in Westfield, N.J., and graduated from Westfield High School in 1960. Following graduation, Judy accepted a position at Bell Labs. Judy married Adolph (Dick) Johnson in June of 1961, and they were happily married for 58 years. Judy and Dick raised their four children in Westfield. They relocated to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 1992.

Judy enjoyed and was known for her fabulous cooking, baking, decorating and entertaining. She loved to spend time on the tennis courts and always enjoyed a good match. She was proud of her Scandinavian heritage and was the family genealogist, storyteller and historian. Judy was a strong, loving and faithful wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Judy was most known for her beautiful smile, warm and loving heart and quick sense of hu-

mor. Her long, incredible fight for life was unmatched. She was the heart of her extended family.

She is predeceased by her loving sons, Peter Alfred and Eric Adolph; her father, Iver A. Nelson, and her mother, Norma (Bardsen) Nelson, and sister, Karen (Nelson) Dembiec. She is survived by her husband, Adolph (Dick) Johnson of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; daughter Kristin Rosengren Hayrinen and her husband, Tapi, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., and daughter Jennifer Keating and her husband, Benjamin, of Medfield, Mass. She is also survived by her five loving grandchildren, Malin Rosengren, Emma, Julia, Katherine and Thomas Keating; her brother, Thomas Nelson of Oracle, Ariz., along with many nieces and nephews. Although our hearts are broken, we are glad she is reunited with her sons.

An intimate graveside service will be held on Friday, August 20, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield, N.J.

August 19, 2021

First Wednesday Luncheon To Feature 'Shipwrecked'

WESTFIELD — For the Westfield Historical Society's First Wednesday Luncheon series in September, guests will be welcomed back to in-person luncheons at the newly-renovated Echo Lake Country Club. Meg Wastie, former program consultant for the Westfield Historical Society, will present a program entitled "Shipwrecked!" on Wednesday, September 1.

New Jersey, by virtue of being a coastal state, has been home to many shipwrecks. Attendees will learn about some of the most famous shipwrecks off the coast of New Jersey — from colonial times to the 20th century. The event will begin with check-in at 11:45 a.m. at Echo Lake Country Club, located at 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

As program consultant for the Westfield Historical Society, Ms. Wastie worked on developing and presenting educational history programs for Westfield and the surrounding community. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is former curator of the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts in Madison, N.J. She also holds degrees from Seton Hall (Master of Arts in Museum Professions), Kean University (Master of Arts in Student Personnel Services) and Monmouth University (Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education). Ms. Wastie has 15 years of experience in mu-

seum education and 32 years of teaching high-school English. She currently resides in Basking Ridge.

To make a reservation for the luncheon, send an email to westfieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or call (908) 654-1794, before Friday, August 27. Individuals are asked to advise if there are special dietary needs. The luncheon fee of \$35 for Westfield Historical Society members or \$40 for non-members includes a three-course meal, coffee/tea and gratuity. Tables will be spaced out and mask wearing is recommended except when actively eating or drinking.

The luncheon fee should be paid in advance (check payable to Westfield Historical Society) by mailing it to Westfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091; by Venmo to @Westfield-HistoricalSociety, or online at westfieldhistoricalsociety.org/registration. Payments should be received by the Friday prior to the luncheon. Westfield Historical Society memberships also will be available at the luncheon.

Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit Westfield Historical Society has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs. For more information, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org.



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Fanwood	133 Willoughby Rd	CapeCod	7	4	2.0	0	\$495,000
Fanwood	43 Glenwood Rd	SplitLev	8	3	2.0	1	\$600,000
Garwood	109 Willow Ave	Colonial	8	3	3.1	1	\$690,000
Mountainside	266 Old Tote Rd	CapeCod	7	4	2.1	1	\$668,800
Mountainside	1455 Dunn Pkwy	Ranch	7	3	2.1	1	\$675,000
Mountainside	1194 Wyoming Dr	SplitLev	10	4	2.1	5	\$675,000
Scotch Plains	38 Tisbury Village	TwnIntUn	8	2	2.1	1	\$415,000
Scotch Plains	1763 Mountain Ave	Colonial	9	4	3.0	1	\$525,000
Scotch Plains	334 Myrtle Ave	CapeCod	8	4	2.0	1	\$510,000
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TCNJ Names 28 Residents To Spring 2021 Dean’s List

EWING, N.J. — Twenty-eight local residents have earned the honor of placement on the Dean’s List at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for the Spring 2021 semester. To achieve this honor, a student must carry 12 or more credits that semester and earn a 3.5 (or above) grade point average. The honorees are listed as follows, along with their hometowns and majors.

Fanwood — Kylie Beirne, Special Education; Daniela Guardascione, Biology Secondary Education-BA; Amy Magrino, Special Education; Jacqueline Stovall, Early Childhood/ Special Education; Kyle Tam, Accountancy.

Garwood — Brandon Domingues, Finance; Kate Humphreys, English Secondary Education; Michael Pellino, Marketing.

Mountainside — William Buteau, Communication Studies; Alisabeth Fiamingo, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; Hannah Herscu, Nursing; Kian Monaghan, Management; Jessie Oliveira, Criminology-BA; Sabrina Ruban, Elementary Edu-

cation (BS); Patrick Wenz, Elementary Education (BS).

Westfield — Allison Bronander, Sociology; Maxwell Cerra, Chemistry (ACS-Research); Jillian DeDomenico, Nursing; Abhijay Dutta, Mechanical Engineering; Michael Gagliardi, Mechanical Engineering; Lauren Gaudin, Health and Exercise Science; Claire Hunter, Health and Exercise Science; Griffin Morgan, Mechanical Engineering; Madison Pena, Journalism and Professional Writing; Daniel Petersen, Mechanical Engineering; Natali Pinho, Nursing; Gianna Tyahla, English; Eric Yoon, Visual Arts.

Founded in 1855 as the New Jersey State Normal School, TCNJ offers degree programs through its seven schools: Arts and Communication; Business; Education; Engineering; Humanities and Social Sciences; Nursing, Health, and Exercise Science; and Science. For more information about The College of New Jersey, visit tcnj.edu.



GREGG’S LEGACY...Recipients of a scholarship award granted by the Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc. enjoy their recent annual gathering, hosted by Mary Ann and George Clyne of Westfield. This year’s award was presented to Cranford High School graduate Carly Stopielo.

Gregg F. Clyne Foundation Grants 2021 Scholarship

WESTFIELD — The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, recently granted a scholarship award to Cranford High School graduate Carly Stopielo. As always, the scholarship committee felt that Carly most closely met the criteria to receive this award. Carly performs Irish Dance. She has reached all of the competitive levels of Irish Dance and has competed throughout the United States, Canada and even in Ireland. Carly hopes to continue dancing while pursuing her education at the University of Delaware.

On June 29, Mary Ann and George Clyne once again hosted the annual gathering of the recipients of the Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation scholarship.

“Because of Gregg, these wonderful young adults have become part of the Clyne Foundation family and will forever remain part of it, no matter the many years that go by,” the Clyne

family said in a statement.

“What is most noticeable at these gatherings is the way they interact with one another, especially never having known one another prior to receiving the award, and they are always very excited to be together once again,” the statement continued. “It is heartwarming to witness the care they have for each other as well as the Clyne family.”

Also in attendance at this gathering were Patricia Walsh and Mary Friedman, Board and Selection Committee members.

The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation was established in 2008 to honor Gregg’s memory and his wish to provide educational opportunities for students matriculating at the University of Delaware, his alma mater. Gregg died in August 2006, at the age of 27, after battling a rare form of cancer (adrenal cortical carcinoma) for four years. To date, the Foundation has awarded scholarship grants to 22 recipients.

Information about The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc. can be found on the website greggclynefoundation.com. Donations can be mailed to The Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, Inc., 567 Lawrence Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090, or made directly on the website.

Three on Dean’s List At Miami University

OXFORD, Ohio — Miami University has named three local residents to its Spring 2021 Dean’s List. Students who are ranked in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for the second semester of 2020-2021 have been named to the Dean’s List recognizing academic excellence.

Ms. Barry earned a Bachelor of Arts, Certificate degree in Sociology, Fostering Just Communities.

Miami University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio, with a student body of nearly 19,000. For more information about the university, visit miamioh.edu.

Kutztown to Welcome Eleven Area Students

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Kutztown University is preparing to welcome the newest members of the Golden Bear family, including both new incoming freshmen and transfer students, for the Fall 2021 semester. Among them are the following area residents.

Clint Belliot of Cranford, Brianna Benes of Cranford, Salvatore Brown of Westfield, William Close of Scotch Plains, Matthew Coleman of Cranford, Allison Fernandez of Westfield, Madeline Graves of Mountainside, Grace Imperial of Westfield, Natalie Itzel of Cranford, Erin Anne Manning of Cranford and Patrick Noce of Cranford.

The Fall semester begins on Monday, August 30. Kutztown University students select from more than 100 areas of study within four colleges in a diverse liberal arts academic environment. The university is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. For more information, visit kutztown.edu.

Westfield Residents On Bryant Deans’ List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University has recognized those students who have been named to the Deans’ List for the Spring 2021 semester.

Westfield residents Colin Elliott, Class of 2024, and Eric Bebel, Class of 2022, were among the honorees.

Bryant enrolls approximately 3,800 graduate and undergraduate students from 38 states and 49 countries. It offers an integrated business and liberal arts education. For information about the university, visit bryant.edu.



TALENTED AND DEDICATED...The First Congregational Church of Westfield recently honored two 2021 high-school graduates with its Alexander Award for their myriad contributions to the church community. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ryan Bergh Thies, the Reverend Joy Mounts, associate minister, and Margot Motyczka.

2021 Graduates Receive FCC Alexander Award

WESTFIELD — The trustees of the First Congregational Church (FCC) of Westfield presented the church’s Alexander Award on June 27 to distinguished high-school graduates and active youth members Margot Motyczka and Ryan Bergh Thies. Named in memory of long-time members Edna and John Alexander, the award is given annually to one or more high-school seniors who have made a significant contribution to the life of the church.

A lifelong and third-generation member of FCC, Westfield High School 2021 graduate Margot has been involved in all aspects of church activities, including the Church School not only as a student, but also as a classroom helper and a youth representative to FCC’s Board of Christian Education. She has participated in FCC’s children’s choirs from Kindergarten through Grade 6, as well as Vacation Bible School, the annual Christmas Pageant and Advent Festival, and has performed and served at the church’s annual Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show fundraisers. Margot has been highly active as both a member and peer leader of the church’s Youth Fellowship program throughout middle and high school, participating in service with Bridges Outreach of Summit and Youth Service Opportunities Project in Manhattan to feed the homeless in Newark and throughout the five boroughs of New York City, as well as other fundraisers and service projects. Margot cites the church’s summer mission trips, working with underserved communities in various parts of the country, among her most rewarding and memorable experiences.

During the Covid pandemic, when the church began broadcasting Sunday morning worship online, Margot took over as a camera operator, learning the system to film and broadcast live each Sunday morning. When the church upgraded to a new multi-camera, monitor and soundboard system, Margot learned the new system to enhance the weekly broadcasts live on Sunday mornings as well as for memorial and special services. She then taught three additional young adult members of the congregation to operate this system.

Margot has enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard as a culinary food specialist. Her post-secondary plans include two months of Basic Training followed by two additional months of specialty training. She will then start her freshman term at Stockton University in January 2022.

Ryan, a Scotch Plains resident, is a lifelong FCC member and a 2021 graduate of Oratory Prep School in Summit. He has participated in FCC’s Church School, Vacation Bible School, Children’s Choir, annual Christmas Pageants, numerous Youth Fellowship activities and service projects, and achieved his Confirmation in 2018. As a Youth Fellowship leader, Ryan spearheaded efforts to assemble cleaning-supply buckets and hygiene kits for distribution to those in need following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Ryan also was involved in a variety of other church activities, including the annual Advent Festival, Bridges Outreach Ministries to the homeless in Newark and New York City, the Waysharers Outreach program for adults with developmental disabilities, and spring cleanup of the church

grounds. He additionally was an active participant in multiple fund-raising efforts for the church and its outreach programs, such as Tag Sales, the annual Cake Auction to support Heifer International, the spring Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show to support the annual Youth Fellowship Summer Mission Trip, “October Surprise” cabaret show and gift basket auction to support the church’s Pastor’s Fund, and “Souper Sunday” educational programming, where he helped to host the event.

Ryan served as the youth representative on the FCC Board of Outreach Ministries for two years and helped organize and maintain the church’s community food closet and the annual bottled water collection drive for Bridges Outreach. Further, he served as a lay reader during select worship services.

In addition to his activities at FCC, Ryan is an active member of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, where he was a featured speaker in 2019, presenting a program on World War II and Scotch Plains. At Oratory Prep, he served as president of the History & Politics, Quiz Bowl, and Model UN clubs, and was a Carlton Fellow student ambassador, St. Philip Neri highest honor roll member, Student of the Month (October 2019) and an active member of the Fishing Club. He recently received Oratory Prep’s Career Achievement in Social Studies Award for outstanding academic performance in history.

In the fall, Ryan will begin his collegiate career at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., where he will pursue his interest in history.

“I am so proud of Margot and Ryan,” stated the Reverend Joy Mounts, FCC associate minister. “Not just for how they ably represent FCC and for all they have done during their time here, but for the hope they embody as leaders and changers. The future is in good hands!”

The Alexander Award also was presented last year within a virtual service to two deserving members of the Class of 2020: Giavanna Schifando of Scotch Plains and Zach Volz of Kenilworth.

FCC is located at 125 Elmer Street, Westfield. For more information on this award and all of the church’s youth and adult outreach and education programs, visit fccofwestfield.org.

Martin and Puri Make Bucknell Dean’s List

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Bucknell University has released its Dean’s List for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean’s List recognition.

Max Martin of Westfield and Arren Puri of Scotch Plains, both in the Class of 2021, achieved Dean’s List status.

Bucknell is a private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines. For more information about the university, visit bucknell.edu.

Teaching Kids Good Money Habits

With summer in full swing, many kids are busy with camps, spending time with friends and family, traveling and some are exercising some new independence with their free time. While the summer is perceived as time off from academic learning, there is a real opportunity for learning practical life lessons like financial responsibility.

There is a quote by Will Rogers....”Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from poor judgment.” As parents, we strive to instill strong values in our children and teach them important life lessons in the hopes that they will acquire good judgment and always use it. Despite parents’ best efforts, often, it is discovered too late that children have little or no experience handling financial responsibility, which many times leaves mom and dad bailing them out. Helping a child develop fundamental and practical money skills at an early age will provide them with an advantage over many others who lack that attribute. Sound financial decision-making skills begins with discussions about money and finances very early on.

Teaching children at a very early age that there is a financial cost to everything is not always easy, so it is important to keep the lessons at an age-appropriate level. Below are some suggestions on how to begin discussing money with your younger children.

Teach them HOW to save – Use the age-old piggy bank to begin explaining about saving. A little bit each week adds up. Consider motivating them with a “matching contribution” once they reach a certain goal. Talk about how the next step is to open a savings account. Bring them to the bank and explain the bank’s role in protecting their money and paying interest.

Teach them the difference between “needs” and “wants” – Discuss this as early as possible and as needed when it comes up in daily conversation. Explain how needing a new coat because their old one does not fit anymore is different than wanting a “cooler” looking bicycle when they already have one. Walk them through the thought process you go through when you decide whether to buy an item.

Give them a small allowance – Giving them a small periodic allowance resulting from chores or other responsibilities provides them the opportunity to learn how to make regular decisions (and mistakes too!)

with their money on a small scale and begin to understand what financial independence could mean.

Use cash for purchases if possible - Demonstrate the concept of “running out” by using cash rather than credit and debit cards, which are less tangible for children to grasp and can lead them to believe that funds are endless. Holding a dollar bill or counting change provides perspective that plastic cannot while also sharpening their math skills.



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Find teaching opportunities - Take children to the grocery store or clothing store for them to gradually become aware of the cost of living. Involve them in the decision-making process of whether to purchase a specific item (i.e., brand name) or another comparable item for a lesser amount to save money. Ask them what they would do in that specific situation.

Play financial games together – While there are several apps for smart phones and tablets to teach kids about money, I personally like classic games such as Pay Day and The Game of Life. These games prompt family discussions that can help your child understand the short-term and long-term consequences of financial decisions as well as the overall value of money.

Don’t hesitate to engage your children in regular discussions regarding money. There are countless opportunities that can ignite a learning experience for them.

In next month’s post, I will expand to discussing money with your teenagers.

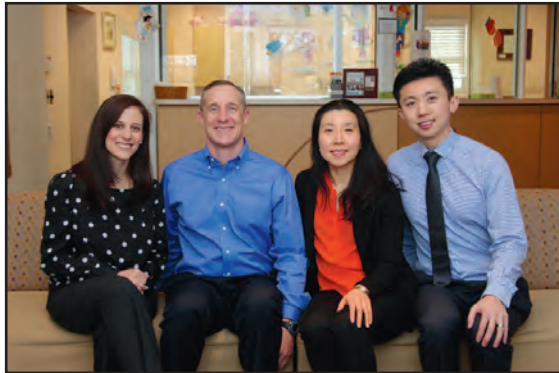
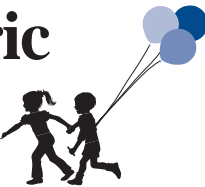
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University of Maine Awards Three Dean’s List Honors

ORONO, Me. — The University of Maine has recognized 3,670 students for achieving Dean’s List honors for the Spring 2021 semester, among them three local residents. They include Nate Harris of Fanwood, Matthew Owsniak of Clark and Melanie Smith of Cranford.

The University of Maine currently enrolls 11,741 undergraduate and graduate students. It offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master’s, Doctoral or professional science master’s degrees, as well as graduate certificates. For more information about the university, visit umaine.edu.

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To Mask or Not to Mask... It Should be a Local Decision

We find ourselves once again embroiled in the great mask controversy, especially now in our schools. This publication previously urged vaccination as a gateway to normalcy and masklessness, and we remain firmly in that camp. With the new school year rapidly approaching, Governor Phil Murphy has decided, once more, that Trenton knows best for school districts. Once again, his administration reveals absolutely no standards regarding when masks become necessary, nor any time frame for re-evaluating this dictate from the Statehouse. We're all simply told that the CDC said so. So whether you live in Nebraska (5,114 cases in a two-week period) or Florida (286,694 cases in two weeks), the CDC says mask up at school.

Our public-education system provides for local boards of education to decide policy for the municipalities served by those boards, but the local school board is increasingly obsolete. Governor Murphy and the CDC apparently think that our local school boards in Westfield, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood are too dumb to make intelligent decisions for their own districts.

Let's deal in reality and review some facts.

We are never going to be rid of Covid-19. The vaccines provide unquestionable protection against serious illness and death, and breakthrough cases are occurring at less than 1 percent for vaccinated individuals. Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Mountainside and Fanwood have more than 70 percent of the eligible population with at least one dose of vaccine. Clark and Garwood lag behind at 64 and 62 percent, respectively. We are sure these numbers will climb when the vaccine is available (hopefully later this year) to those under 12.

On August 10, 2021, there were 475 new cases in the state, with 29 being in Union County. On that same date last year, we had 712 in N.J. According to the Mayo Clinic, New Jersey has a positivity rate of 5 percent right now, which means that 5 percent of all tests being run are coming back positive. Last week,

Union County averaged 81 new cases per day, or 567 per week, which means that approximately 0.1 percent of the county population is testing positive.

New Jersey State Department of Health currently says the Rate of Transmission (Rt) is 1.26, but their dashboard doesn't provide how they get to that number. Part of that is because Rt is an estimated projection — the CDC's own presentation on Rt says that, "several factors affect the accuracy of Rt and bias is common." If breakthrough cases account for less than 1 percent of positive tests, 60 percent of the state is vaccinated, and those previously infected, but not yet vaccinated,

have natural immunity...well, we're not mathematicians, but something doesn't quite add up.

Governor Murphy is wrong to require all New Jersey school students to be masked, regardless of vaccination status or local statistics on Covid-19. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is equally wrong to forbid local school districts from requiring masks, regardless of local statistics. Mandates based on "gut feelings" are worthless; either these governors believe in science and local accountability or they do not, but they should stop pretending to believe in either when in reality they are completely unwilling to actually let school boards do their jobs.

Educator's Corner: Accomplishments Build Confidence

By JENNIFER GLACKIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

My six-year-old is ready for the new school year to begin. She loves learning all kinds of things. (She's a bit of a nerd - like her teacher parents were at that age. Full disclosure — we still are!) She had a great kindergarten year and is excited for first grade. She also has a copious amount of confidence in her abilities. I'm pretty sure if she stepped into an operating room, she'd ask the doctor to allow her to finish the procedure. I wish I had that kind of self-confidence. Seriously, I envy her.

But, like every other person I've ever met, she has those moments where things just get too hard. As parents we've all heard "I just can't do it!" yelled in exasperation — whether it's a difficult homework assignment or their backpack zipper gets stuck for an extra millisecond.

Years ago, I was teaching a preschool class that was full of young kiddos whose favorite words were "I can't." Desperate to change this, I engaged families in an "Accomplishment Journal" project. The premise was simple: students and parents would work together to draw and write about three accomplishments per week. They would hand the journal in once a week, and I would return it the next day with encouraging comments. All families were offered the chance to participate, and about two thirds of the class decided to try it.

The results were amazing! Not only did the chorus of "I can't" significantly decrease, but these incredible four-year-olds became bigger risk-

takers, better problem solvers, and overall, the class had a palpable buzz of positivity. Parent feedback stated the families saw similar results at home. Plus, their children were taking more initiative to be more independent and helpful.

A few ways to do this at home: create a journal. Kids should take on as much of the project as possible. My preschoolers drew pictures of their accomplishments while their parents wrote the sentences. Use a marble notebook, bind paper together with staples — it doesn't have to be fancy.

Use a big, clear container and add something to represent the accomplishment: ping pong balls with words written on them, strips of papers with pictures, cotton balls, etc.

Put a poster board on the wall and write it down for all to see.

Whatever you choose, make the addition a big deal — because it is one! (Even if it is something simple like making their bed without being asked.)

An important part of my project was the communication between school and home. It's important for kids to see how many people are rooting for them! Try sharing the accomplishments with a grandparent, uncle, aunt, or close friend. Ask them to give positive comments back.

The last year has been so focused on what kids have missed or lost, we need to start focusing on their gains. It's so important as we move into this fall. This type of project is a perfect way to get kids focusing on the amazing things they can do!

Letters to the Editor

Garwood Mayor Looks to Engage Borough Businesses

I always say our local businesses are key in ensuring we have a vibrant community. As we all know, many are still trying to recover from the pandemic, which is still not yet over. Please join me in continuing to shop locally here in Garwood!

Garwood is committed to helping local businesses even beyond our shop local advocacy. Earlier this year, I established a Small Business Advisory Board and I am so grateful for the business owners who stepped up to be part of this group where business owners help fellow business owners. I appreciate Josh Rosenberg of Rosie's Wine Bar for serving as the inaugural President and Councilman Vincent Kearney for serving as liaison to the Council.

Borough Administrator Kyle Harris and I will be doing some direct outreach to Garwood businesses by

visiting them on Monday, August 23 and Thursday, August 26. All local businesses have been mailed a letter about this initiative and I encourage them to schedule a visit from us by calling Borough Hall at (908) 789-0710 or emailing Garwood@garwood.org. Of course, we are also available beyond these two dates, but we wanted to block out specific days in our schedules to make this happen.

We look forward to the opportunity to visit local business owners so they can give us feedback on how we can better help them and so we can answer any questions they may have. As always, I am available by email at STodisco@garwood.org or by cell phone at (908) 377-7890.

Sara Todisco
Garwood Mayor

Westfield Should Mandate Grass Fields

I am a teacher. I care deeply about environmental stewardship and leaving a more sustainable world for our children and future generations.

U.N. Secretary General, António Guterres referred to the recently issued Sixth Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report as "a code red for humanity." He emphasized the need to act boldly, to limit global warming, stating, "There is no time for delay and no room for excuses."

Each of us must do our part, but we also need our elected officials to take the lead by enacting initiatives that will mitigate the climate change crisis. Over the past three years, the Brindle administration has done exactly that by: adopting a Sustainable Land Use Pledge, a Green Building Policy Resolution and a Green Building Checklist ordinance which includes the question: Does the site minimize heat island effects?

In an effort to solve the athletic field shortage, Westfield sports leagues clamored for synthetic turf fields with lights. A plan to replace the nine acre natural grass field behind Edison Intermediate School with 400,000 square feet of lighted, petroleum-based synthetic turf fields was outlined in a letter of intent between the Town Council and the BOE.

Sustainable Jersey, of which Westfield is a member, states, "despite their green color, synthetic turf fields actually absorb high amounts of solar energy due to their plastic makeup and can become extremely hot in the summer, reaching up to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Communities should use natural grass for future construction and consider removing existing synthetic turf fields when they wear out and need to be replaced."

Jean Wells Lehmberg
Westfield

I Share Major Concerns With Edison Fields Proposal, But Fully Support the Process

I would like to share my perspective on the Edison Fields Project, which I have discussed many times with Ward 3 residents on a one-to-one basis including explaining the planning process being followed and ending some untrue speculation about this project.

First, the Edison Fields Concept Proposal is not a fait accompli. Several residents who I have spoken with believe the concept plan that was originally presented in June has already been approved. This isn't true. Hopefully you are aware that at the August 10 Council Meeting, the Recreation Commission - which is leading this process - announced it is scaling back the project as a result of extensive public input.

This announcement illustrates that the town is following the same planning process it has followed for other major initiatives like the revised Historic Preservation Ordinance that was passed in 2020. This process involves several steps including 1) introducing a proposal or concept plan based on a town priority or strategic planning process, 2) gathering public input, 3) revising the proposal or concept plan based on that input, 4) gathering public input on a revised proposal, and revising it further if necessary and 5) eventually presenting a final proposal to the Town Council for a vote or dropping the initiative altogether. The Edison Fields

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The manufacturing, installation, service and disposal of a 400,000 square foot synthetic turf field would generate about 250.2 tons of carbon dioxide, which is the equivalent of 25,000 gallons of gasoline, in addition to other greenhouse gases and pollutants.

The plastic grass blades and backing used on synthetic turf fields contain perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a class of chemicals, referred to as "forever chemicals," that have been linked to cancer, nervous system toxicity, immune dysfunction, thyroid, and cardiovascular disease.

Synthetic turf fields have become so ubiquitous that it is easy to assume they are safe. This is understandable, because the synthetic turf industry is not regulated by any government agency. The Synthetic Turf Council, and the industry it supports, can make whatever claims they want about synthetic turf, regardless of how inaccurate or misleading. This is similar to how tobacco companies marketed cigarettes to unsuspecting consumers in the mid-20th century.

It will take elected officials who have courage and integrity to go against the trend to install lighted synthetic turf fields. I believe Mayor Brindle and the members of the Westfield Town Council and Board of Education possess the courage and integrity to mandate that all new athletic fields will be organically maintained, state-of-the-art grass fields, without lights. This will be a win for the health and safety of our children and our planet now, and for generations to come.

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions — only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

If you can guess one correctly — good guess. If you get two — well-read individual. If you get three — word expert. If you get all four — You must have a lot of free time!

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction Deception.

Answers to last week's arcane words.
1. Tergiversate — To desert a cause
2. Sapient — Wise; knowing
3. Terebinth — A small European tree of the sumac family. Turpentine tree.
4. Debullition — Boiling over

RELICTION
1. Land left uncovered by the recession of the sea
2. A separation or passing through
3. Ignoring; neglecting
4. Deception; sleight of hand

RECTIROSTRAL
1. Having the breadth of the cranium greater than the length
2. Having the back below in swimming, as certain insects
3. Having a straight bill or beak
4. A leaning to the right

DEAVE
1. To confuse or stun with noise
2. To understand or perceive
3. To belittle or humble
4. To run abandon; decamp

BOREEN
1. A hard, brittle biscuit
2. Wetland; bogs
3. A soluble poison formed in the putrefaction of blood and other protein matter
4. A lane leading from the main road

Buttigieg Trip Brings Hope to Transit Woes

On Monday, I had the great pleasure of meeting U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, thanks to the efforts of Congressman Tom Malinowski, who arranged for the Secretary to witness the chronic transit challenges that plague our commuters heading to Newark or New York.

I told Secretary Buttigieg it is long past time for the federal government to make sound investments in the critical infrastructure of New Jersey, which includes the modernizing of the Raritan Valley line of NJ Transit.

Our government must make these obvious investments to not only improve the quality of our lives, but also to ensure the long-term economic viability of our communities. The Secretary agreed: A 26-mile commute from Scotch Plains to Manhattan should not take two hours because of the latest calamity, be it another stalled train or hopelessly congested tunnel.

The Raritan Valley Line Mayors' Alliance, comprising mayors representing tired and angry commuters, has been advocating for common sense investments in our transportation infrastructure since 2018. I have participated in rallies and meetings with other members of the Alliance in the hopes of waking Washington up.

Until now, I believe our plea was ignored.

But, with Secretary Buttigieg's train trip on the Raritan Valley line to meet with me and other mayors, I am encouraged. The \$1 trillion infrastructure bill includes funding for the sorely-needed Gateway Tunnel project, as well as funds to ease the commute for Raritan Valley riders.

Call me cautiously optimistic. I'll celebrate once Scotch Plains commuters finally get the transit reliability they deserve through federal support. In the interim, we will be closely watching the promises made and fight to ensure they are kept.

Mayor Joshua Losardo
Scotch Plains

Reader Disturbed by Mayor's Comments

I was disturbed to read a letter to the editor from Mayor Brindle containing the following line:

"Like you, I was disappointed when former Governor Christie prioritized his national political ambitions and cancelled the ARC Tunnel in 2010..."

In the first place, no, Mayor Brindle, I am not like you and I was not disappointed in the former governor's action. This is highly presumptuous.

In the second place, it is highly unlikely that the ARC project would have impacted Governor Christie's political ambitions in any way.

In the third place, Mayor Brindle appears to be unaware that the funding plan rejected by Governor Christie would likely have saddled New Jersey's taxpayers with two-thirds or more of the cost of the project. (Federal and New York contributions were capped, with New Jersey left solely responsible for funding 100 percent of the cost overruns, at a time when Port Authority projects typically cost two to three times their initial projections.)

As a political scientist and a Westfield resident of 15 years, I have been increasingly disappointed by Mayor Brindle's insertion of national Democratic politics and agendas into Westfield's local affairs. This is the sort of thing that poisons local politics, increases polarization, and destroys the sense of community and cooperation that is vital to a place like Westfield.

Councilman David Contract
Ward 3
Westfield

William F. Byrne, Ph.D.
Westfield

I am Advocating for a Scaled Back Version of Edison Fields Plan

For the past two months, our town has participated in a thoughtful conversation about the future of Edison fields. On June 15, the Recreation Commission presented its proposed plan to the town council concurrent with the public which is standard protocol.

Immediately following I sought input from residents who would be directly impacted by the proposal. I walked the Knollwood neighborhood, met privately with residents on the 4th of July and most recently attended two listening sessions on July 14, July 21. In addition, at the August 10 council meeting, residents once again expressed their thoughtful, well researched concerns about the project. I have responded to numerous phone calls, texts and emails from concerned residents. I share many of the same concerns and I am eager to get answers to the questions posed as well as my own. It is essential that the council allow the process to unfold which includes feedback from residents, research of the plans, and benefits and drawbacks to the community before rushing to judgment. I trust our residents and the process and this is an example of how it should work. In fact, to ensure residents have a voice in this process,

the Edison Neighborhood Advisory Council was created.

As we move into the next phase of the process I have heard enough to know that the Edison plan as it was proposed is too expansive for this neighborhood. I will not support it in its current form and have been advocating for a scaled back version. I have confidence that the newly formed Edison Neighborhood Advisory Council will work with the Recreation Commission towards a mutually satisfactory solution. I am grateful for the work of the voluntary Recreation Commission and want to thank them for their commitment to providing recreational opportunities for all of our residents. I look forward to continuing the conversation and working together to solve the undeniable problem of field shortages in a format that is more aligned with the immediate neighborhood, as well as explore spreading the solution over multiple sites.

As always, your feedback is welcome and you can reach me at dmackey@westfieldnj.gov Your voice matters and I am here to make sure you are heard.

**Councilwoman Dawn Mackey
Ward 4
Westfield**

Candidate Jeff Jotz Introduces Himself to Garwood Voters

While voter turnout is typically the highest in presidential years, I have found the level of government that most affects our day to day lives is the local one. It's about safe streets, paved roads, property taxes, and so much more that makes a difference in our quality of life. That is why I, along with my running mate Clarissa Nolde, are running for Garwood Council this year.

My career in government and the nonprofit sector has spanned almost 30 years, including the local, county, and state levels. I chose this line of work because I know it makes a difference to people. I get satisfaction by seeing neighborhood problems solved quickly and effectively. To me, excitement happens when street resurfacing projects are completed, police officers are promoted to new ranks, a town employee passes a state exam or ground is broken on a landscaping project. Want to discuss the municipal budget process, the Open Public Meetings Act or anything else local government related? If yes, then let's meet for coffee!

As a Garwood resident who frequently walks his dog around the Recreation Complex, I reached out to Mayor Sara Todisco and the Green

Team and recruited Pet Supplies Plus to install dog waste bag dispensers in the park. In 2019, on behalf of the Borough's Green Team, I wrote a grant application through Sustainable Jersey that landed Garwood \$2,000 to build our first rain garden of native plants at the Recreation Complex that will reduce the amount of stormwater entering the Garwood Brook.

Garwood is part of the 90 square-mile Rahway River watershed and as a former President of the Rahway River Watershed Association, I learned the ups and downs of managing a local environmental group and how decisions right here in our neighborhoods affect communities downstream.

My running mate, Clarissa Nolde, and I look forward to meeting with our neighbors in the coming weeks to discuss and learn about issues they find important. Please help us make a positive difference here in Garwood. Feel free to contact me any time at (908) 248-4743 or Jeff@demsgarwood.com.

**Jeff Jotz
Democratic Candidate for
Garwood Council**

‘Wondering’ Why Ward 3 Shoulders the Burden

During a recent Friday evening I counted 13 (yes, thirteen!) Wonder trucks parked in the former Sevell's and other properties located at the corner of Windsor and South Avenues—right here in Ward 3. You may recall that the owner of these properties just got a sweetheart redevelopment deal from the town to build 193 units + 17,000 sq ft of more retail space. Ward 3 has that to look forward to, as well.

With that much of a presence here in my own backyard, I figured I'd see what this Wonder thing was all about. But, after downloading the app I found out they don't even deliver to the Southside of town. So, let me get this straight: Ward 3 gets to host dozens of idling trucks several nights a week, offering NYC cuisine to neighborhoods all over Westfield's Northside, but we can't even order it here?

All this begs the question: Why does Westfield let a single neighborhood play host to a company that only serves other parts of town? The Windsor and Myrtle Avenue neighborhoods already have their fill contending with traffic issues and idling cars around an indoor tennis club, a local child care center and a landscaping company. Now they get the privilege of hosting the Wonder fleet.

Also, why does Westfield permit a food preparation and delivery service to operate that takes business away from Westfield's own local restaurants? After struggling through the worst of the pandemic, having to rely on payroll protection money and the generosity of Westfield's citizens, these family-owned businesses are now being served an unhealthy meal of lost income, courtesy of town hall. While this administration asked us to go into our own pockets to help our restaurants stay afloat, it's been undermining them by allowing Wonder to operate in town carte blanche. Our own restaurants pay enough for rent, staff, and insurance

while submitting to regular, strict inspections by health inspectors and other bureaucrats. Town hall should be doing everything it can to keep them going—not further enabling the competition.

Let's support Westfield's restaurants and our business community by eating local. And, if Wonder needs a parking lot, let them use town hall — at least that's in their delivery area.

**Shawn Mullen
Ward 3 Council Candidate
Westfield**

Why Westfield Should Re-elect Linda Habgood

As a former Westfield Town Councilman, I have a memory and a fair working knowledge of what it takes to put together a municipal budget each year. Many do not realize that only about 15 percent of our town budget is discretionary. Fully 85 percent of our municipal expenses are fixed; the bills come in, we do not control the amount, and they must be paid. I understand, first-hand, what a challenge this presents for the mayor and council to keep tax increases under control while providing a satisfactory level of the discretionary services residents want and have come to expect.

This is why it is remarkable that we have experienced, during the past four years, the lowest average increase in property taxes in Westfield's history — including a 0 percent increase in 2019 — while, at the same time, 47 miles of our roadways will have been repaved by the end of fiscal year 2021, improvements have been made to the playground at Mindowaskin Park and to the facilities at Memorial Pool, and capital has been invested in new pickup trucks, dump trucks, hybrid vehicles, and street sweepers.

These accomplishments are more remarkable, still, considering that non-discretionary expenses increased during the past four years and the pandemic took a terrible toll on our local economy. The current mayor and council shepherded the town through these difficult times while maintaining Westfield's triple-A bond rating,

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As Mayor, I Will Not Stall Improvements to the Fields

Fields and parks are an integral part of what makes Westfield such a desirable town. Maintaining and improving them is one of the most important tasks of local government. When I was on town council, we were focused on improving our fields and parks within the confines of the budget. One can always say that more could be done, so it is incumbent upon the town to prioritize our investments.

Among the investments that we made were the Mindowaskin Park bandstand, dredging the pond, and upgrading the playground. At Tamaques Park the tennis courts were renovated, Sid Fey/Houlihan was re-done with the latest technology, backstops were replaced at both Tamaques Park and Memorial Park fields, improvements to Gumpert field were done in cooperation with the Westfield Baseball League, and all six tennis courts at Memorial Park were renovated along with batting cages being installed and bathrooms upgraded. These are but a few of the many improvements made during my tenure on council.

Long range planning for our fields and parks is the responsibility of the town. That is why the town council worked with our local sports leagues, the Westfield Recreation Committee, and the Town Code & Property Review Committee to develop a well thought out plan to add lighted turf fields; an updated and larger field house with community room, for use by PAL football, wrestling, and others; additional parking; and other improvements to Tamaques Park - one of Westfield's jewels. Unfortunately, this plan was shelved by Mayor Brindle, and over three years later all that we have is a two year old Parks Master Plan and a plan by Union County to look at Tamaques Park in its Parks Master Plan. We have

no real decision or action plans as to what our fields and parks may be.

The recent announcement of an \$18 million plan for Edison fields caught most residents by surprise. This plan which was literally in the backyards of neighborhood residents was never a good idea and is indicative of a council and mayor that are out of touch with the residents. Thank goodness the neighbors in the Edison School area rallied together and made their voices and compelling suggestions heard so clearly. As your mayor I would not impose on a neighborhood in such a drastic way — we need to respect each other and most importantly, we need to find a balance in how we meet town needs.

We all recognize that it is unacceptable that our kids have to travel far and wide to play sports and we all recognize that investments must be made in our fields and parks. As your mayor, my approach to all field and parks needs will be simple: I believe in a holistic approach to field improvement and I will begin by using the Parks Master Plan for all our fields and parks. I will also re-look at the Tamaques Field plan and I will reach out to the Board of Education to discuss the potential to work together on other fields, not just Edison. I will work with sports teams and respect their input and I will respect and include neighborhood residents before investing taxpayer money on ill-conceived studies. Simply put, I will not stall the improvements of fields any longer. Let us approach field improvement in a smart and balanced way that respects neighborhoods and instills cooperation and pride in the outcome.

**JoAnn Neylan
Candidate for Mayor
Westfield**

Hoping That Revised Plan Shares Investment Across Other School Fields

After tuning in to the most recent Westfield Town Council meeting, it's apparent that one person's dream is another's nightmare.

Even though the council announced they were pressing pause on the Edison fields project to scale it back, several residents took the opportunity to voice their concerns protesting a turf complex on the middle school property.

It was very educational to hear their perspectives and it gave me much to reflect on.

As a mother of rising seventh and ninth graders, I agree with the decision to partner with the schools for shared field use. It's a practical idea to maximize use of the space and an opportunity for our fields to be better maintained. I spent years on some of those fields coaching my daughter's softball teams and most recently on the sidelines watching my son play middle school baseball at Roosevelt. To say they are in need of a little TLC in an understatement.

With such widespread need for field improvements not just at our schools, but town wide, thank goodness the \$18 million dollar Edison investment was placed on hold. In my opinion, we shouldn't put all of our attention, nor investment, in just one location. The quandary is: what's the best approach for improvement?

For starters, being empathetic to

our residents' varying points of view is a good place to begin. Before hearing their concerns, it didn't dawn on me that with the original plan, Edison students would not have natural grass to play on during gym or recess. As a parent, that is a deal breaker for me. When paramount changes are being considered in town, I believe engaging and informing residents should be step one instead of them being the last to know like in this case. Having to go back to the drawing board after resistance from residents costs time and money and does not exude transparency.

As far as being team turf or team grass, I'd like to see our fields remain grass. I understand the pros of having turf fields, but the environmental cons outweigh them for me personally. I know the maintenance of grass has been a topic of discussion and I am curious to hear viable solutions from the commission and council. Will we contract professional landscape companies that specialize in maintaining and constructing town and school athletic fields? If we don't want to outsource those services, maybe we will invest in continuing education for our public works employees to acquire new skills to manage and improve our fields in house? I was happy to learn that Rutgers has a Public Works curriculum that provides education addressing many areas of responsibility municipalities need to oversee.

I will definitely be paying attention to see how the Edison plan unfolds and encourage you to do the same. My hope is that the plan is revised to share the investment across other school fields in Westfield. If that happens however, how might it affect the Tamaques Park plan? I know Tamaques is listed on the Union County master plan but why? How will Westfield benefit from such a decision? I guess only time will tell.

**Amanda Como
Ward 1 Council Candidate
Westfield**



Board of Health Offers Meeting Recap

The Westfield Board of Health met on August 2.

The board wants to be clear: our priority is to ensure the health and safety of our community, especially our children and the vulnerable. To do so, we shall continue to be guided by objective data and mandates and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health. We understand that the science concerning Covid-19 is evolving, so we will adapt strategies as appropriate.

As such, the board remains strongly committed to the use of vaccines to prevent Covid-19 and to lessen its severity. Also, we will continue to support the use of overall beneficial interventions that have been shown to lessen the spread of the virus, including the use of masks where appropriate.

For example, if all 615 thousand people who have died of Covid-19 could have had the vaccine, then the vast majority would still be alive today! With the Covid-19 vaccine and with masking, the proven benefits greatly outweigh the potential harms. Although any intervention may have potential harms, there are also detrimental effects from not intervening. The evidence is clear: effective vaccinations work for Covid-19, just as they have worked for other diseases, such as smallpox, measles, hepatitis B, tetanus, etc. Similarly, appropriately used masking has been shown to be an effective, generally safe measure to prevent the spread of viruses and other infections.

Many community residents who spoke at the meeting had thoughtful comments and probing questions concerning the role of the Westfield Regional Health Department in Covid-19 and turf field planning. However, concerning the prevention and control of Covid-19, some residents presented misinformation and misleading, “cherry-picked” numbers that did not accurately reflect the current scientific consensus. Studies and evidence that might have clarified some of this misinformation were not presented, since a board meeting is not the right forum for a detailed scientific discussion. However, we remain committed to sharing information and will continue to provide resources, including events and webinars, to help residents better understand the medical information that is available.

It is clear that Covid-19 circulates among children and can also sicken them. Therefore, as Maryann McCloskey, a board member, noted, “Children are impacted by what happens in the world around them. That is a part of life. It is the job of the adults who care for them to help them understand difficult times and help them through those times.” Unfortunately, there is currently no vaccine available to help protect children under 12 years old. We therefore need to rely on other protective measures. At this time, the New Jersey Department of Health states that children should remain masked while in a school setting. This is supported by guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Currently, the Covid-19 pandemic in New Jersey has increased again, due to the increased transmission and lethality of the Delta variant as detailed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>. As noted above, vaccinations are essential to get this virus under control. Fortunately, the residents of Westfield have been terrific in adopting the recommended vaccination strategy. A high proportion of Westfield residents are fully vaccinated, including 91 percent of those 65 years old and older, 90 percent of those

at least 18 years old and 70 percent of the entire population. Additional residents are continuing to receive their first dose of vaccine, so that currently 95 percent of residents 65 years old and older, 96 percent of residents 18 and older, 60 percent of those 12 to 17 years old and 75 percent of the entire population have received at least one dose of vaccine. This is a great achievement for our town, but we need to do even better.

If you have not been vaccinated yet, now is the time to do so. Please help protect yourself, your family and friends, and your community. The health department has numerous outreach efforts to provide free vaccinations. Any resident interested in receiving the vaccine can call (908) 789-4070.

We hope that the residents who believe that young people are not affected by Covid-19 will take a clear-eyed look at the latest data concerning the increases due to the Delta variant, which are especially worrisome for younger people. More information is available at the Westfield Coronavirus Information Center at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/coronavirus> and the State Covid-19 Information Hub at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/datasheetboard>.

Several residents stated that they want the department to intervene more with the board of education, the town, the State Department of Health. However, we need to be clear about the limits of each body's jurisdiction and ability to set policy.

The Westfield Regional Health Department is one of about 94 local health departments in the state, each of which functions under the authority of the State Health Department. As such, we must follow its guidelines.

Locally, the Westfield Board of Education operates independently of the town and takes the lead in ALL issues in schools, including student, faculty and staff health and safety issues. It has the authority, autonomy and responsibility to ultimately decide what is best for its school population. Our health department is advisory to it. Comparable health advice has been given to the superintendents of education in all eight municipalities to which the health department provides services. They and their boards have sometimes chosen different paths based on their perceived local circumstances.

Information about all of the Health Department's activities, including helpful health-related advice and recommendations, such as concerning keeping your home healthy, immunizations and weather-related emergencies, and free education programs is available at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/health>. Recent topics in the department's monthly newsletter, “Your Health Matters”, include healthy skin, stress prevention and exergaming and fitness. It is available on the department's website in the August Newsletter tab. You can sign up to receive health department information at <https://www.westfieldnj.gov/townupdates>.

The complete minutes of the August Board meeting will be posted after review and approval at our Monday, September 13 meeting, which starts at 5 p.m. in the municipal building. A planned discussion of gas powered leaf blowers and of turf fields, both issues that have generated serious public concern, had to be postponed to that meeting. As always, the public is invited to attend.

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CUTTLER 4-4, TRAUB 2 3B, CAMPANELLA 3-3, KAMINSKI HR

Awnings Staggers Kenilworth In UC 60+ B Div. Game 1, 15-11

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Superior pitching was not in the cards and defensive brilliance had a few moments of inadequacy in Game 1 of the Union County Senior 60+ B Division best-of-three championship series at Tremley Field in Linden on August 11. Second-seeded Awnings Galore meant business from the start and scored nine runs in the first two innings en route to a 15-11 victory over top-seeded Kenilworth VFW.

Awnings Galore was able to get good offensive production from 11 of its 12 batters and totaled 21 hits that blended well with a number of Kenilworth miscues. Leadoff hitter Rich Traub whacked a pair of one-run triples, scored three times and reached base safely in all four at-bats thanks to a couple of errors. Gary Cuttler went 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. John Campanella went three of his at-bats with an RBI sac fly, an RBI single and a two-run homer over the leftfield fence. Bill Vanderstreet scored in all three of his at-bats, which included an RBI double and a single. Don “the Count of” Montefusco went 3-for-3 with two RBI. Tom Beninato and Jose Santana each singled twice and had an RBI. Al Feigenbaum singled twice and scored twice.

Despite a number of errors, there



WHOOPS! NO LUCK GETTING TO THIRD...Kenilworth VFW base runner Don Montefusco is tagged out by Awnings third baseman John Jordan in the first inning of the 60+ B Division Game at Tremley Field in Linden on August 11.

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3-for-3 with an RBI double and scored twice. Frank Green doubled, had an RBI single and an RBI sacrifice fly, and scored twice. Pete “Ozzie” Osborn went 2-for-3 with a walk and two RBI. Bruce Crawford singled twice and had two RBI.

Kenilworth VFW totaled 16 hits and Chris Kaminski produced in all



VERY CLOSE PLAY AT FIRST...St. George's Russ Voorhees manages to step on first just as St. Wolfgang's Dan Margolis gets the throw in the fourth inning at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 12. The Wolfgang won 8-2.

PERCONTE SCATTERS 8 HITS, RAPS HR; BARBA 4-FOR-4

St. Wolfgang Rips St. George In St. Bart's Men's Softball, 8-2

By DAVID B. CORBIN
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Tony “Pineapple” Perconte demonstrated his effectiveness on the mound as well as at the plate as his St. Wolfgang Pack took a huge chunk out of St. George en route to an 8-2 triumph in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 12.

Entering the week St. George was perched on top of the league with a 15-4 record, while St. Wolfgang was sitting in third with a 12-6 record just behind St. Sebastian at 13-5, so the

race for the top seed for the upcoming playoffs has indeed intensified.

On the mound, Perconte scattered eight hits, while walking three, and permitted no more than two hits in any given inning, although he did receive some defensive assistance. Leftfielder Reinaldo Santiago made a great running grab that prevented, at least, a run in the fourth inning then did it again in the sixth. Centerfielder Dan Roy made a fine catch for the first out in the third inning and shortstop Jim Barba followed up with a smooth scoop for the second out and

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TRYING TO STOP A LOW THROW...Kenilworth VFW first baseman Chris Kaminski tries to scoop a throw in the dirt as Awnings' Rich Traub attempts to reach safely in the first inning of the UC 60+ A Division game at Tremley Field.

Awnings Staggers Kenilworth in UC 60+, 15-11

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baseman Johnny Jordan made a knee-sliding grab of a popup. Centerfielder Traub made a shin-high snag in the fourth inning, second baseman Mike Carnavale absorbed a scorching liner in the sixth and right fielder Green sprinted inward to snare a dangerous fader in the seventh inning.

Kenilworth first baseman Kaminski made a slick scoop for a putout in the first inning. Montefusco in center, made an alert throw to third to set up a successful rundown in the second inning. In the third inning, second baseman Beninato grabbed a difficult popup in shallow right-center and third

baseman Santana performed a diving unassisted putout. Beninato initiated a 4-6 (Tom DeRocco)-3 (Kaminski) double play in the fifth inning then duplicated the feat in the seventh. Right-centerfielder Ron Kulik zoomed inward to scoop a fader then fired to first in time to nail the runner. Leftfielder Bob D' Meo chased down a deep fly ball in the fourth inning. Middle infielder Feigenbaum snagged a liner in the sixth inning.

A bad omen for Kenilworth VFW began with a throwing error that allowed leadoff hitter Traub reach base in the top of the first inning. Green

drilled a double over the leftfielder's head and Tom Pasko followed with an RBI groundout to short. Crawford lofted an RBI sac fly to center. Cuttler and Rich Dempsey both singled. Bob Lorincz's grounder to first was muffed as Cottler scored then Osborn laced a two-run single to right-center.

Kenilworth did respond with three runs that began with Kulik's leadoff single to right-center. Feigenbaum and Vanderstreet both singled and Kaminski added an RBI sac fly to center. Montefusco ripped an RBI single up the middle and DeRocco's grounder to short brought in the third run.

Four Awnings men shaded home plate in the second. Carmine Priore (2-for-4) singled to center, Campanella cracked an RBI double to left-center and Traub thumped an RBI triple to deep right-center. Green added an RBI sac fly to right. After Crawford hobbled a single deep in the hole by short, Cuttler lined an RBI single to center.

Kenilworth tacked on a pair of runs in the fourth when Feigenbaum singled, Vanderstreet reached on an error then Kaminski and Montefusco added back-to-back RBI singles.

But Awnings Galore upped its lead to 11-5 with a pair of runs in the fifth. Cuttler slashed a single to right and Dempsey reached on an error. Lorincz slapped an RBI single to right then when Osborn hit into a double play, Dempsey scored. Kenilworth came right back with two runs. Rich Kovach reached on an error, John St. John yanked a single down the third base line, Beninato deflected an infield single off the pitcher to load the bases. Jose Jimenez lobbed an RBI sac fly to right and Santana sliced an RBI single to right.

Awnings answered with four runs in the sixth inning to seize a 15-7 lead. Campanella squiggled an infield single to third, Traub slid an RBI triple under the charging right-centerfielder's glove and Green poked an RBI single to center. Pasko walked, Crawford punched an RBI single to left and Cuttler sliced an RBI single to right.

Three VFW men scored in the sixth. Kulik reached on an error then scored on Vanderstreet's double to deep center. Kaminski followed with his two-run homer over the leftfield fence. After holding Awnings scoreless in the seventh, D' Meo led off the VFW seventh with a double to center then would score the final run on Beninato's looping single to right.

Awnings Galore	540	024	0
Kenilworth VFW	300	223	1

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

The TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS has awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the following Contract. This Contract, and the Resolution authorizing it, are available for public inspection in the Municipal Building.

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SERVICES: Resolution No. 2021-154, Architectural Services for Downtown Redevelopment Project, Change Order to Resolution No. 2021-125.
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‘Mother Nature’ Halts Jun’s/Douglas Game 2

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glas VW had the bases loaded and produced singles from Mario Lopez (2-for-2, 2 RBI) and Mike Shriner (1-for-1, RBI sac fly), while Farlan Alusik would walk in both of his plate appearances.

Only 10 of the 12 Jun's Pro Services batters would get a plate appearance and the first two poked singles. Tom Ulichny hacked a lead-off single past the second baseman and Glen Gang scribbled a single past the first baseman. Segledi lofted an RBI sac fly that was hauled in by

Lopez lashed a two-run single to center. Shriner lofted an RBI sac fly to centerfield that was grabbed by Ulichny just inches off the grass. With two outs and a runner on first and trailing 3-1, Jun's Pro wanted no part of pitching to the very dangerous Alusik, so they walked him.

Mother Nature then responded emphatically with a flash!

After dropping the bumper game for the top seed against Deegan Roofing, 13-9, Douglas VW edged Jun's Pro Services, 13-11, in Game 1. Trail-

Pat Mooney went 3-for-3; Shriner and Antonucci both went 3-for-4, while Al Genova, Hoffmann, Buteau and Gaul rapped two hits each. Alusik bopped the game-winning hit. Segledi went 3-for-4 for Jun's Pro Services. Defensively, Evans made several nice plays at first and added an alert double play. Eckert made some accurate throws to second from right field.

Douglas VW went on to defeat Jun's Pro Services, 21-13, at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 12 and advanced to face A Division top



RAPPING A SINGLE...Douglas VW batter Harold Zayas raps a single to center in the top of the third inning before Mother Nature interferes during the Union County Senior 50+ A Division semifinal Game 2 at Rahway River Park on August 10.

centerfielder Hector Munoz, which allowed Ulichny to score. After second baseman Antonucci caught Nick Mennona's popup, Oporto attempted to plop a single into shallow leftfield but shortstop Mike Hoffmann managed to snare it for the third out.

Deitch pulled off another pitcher-to-first putout in the top of the second inning. Hoffmann launched a deep fly ball that was grabbed by Dave Eckert in right field then Oporto scooped Eddie Rodriguez's sizzling one-hopper and fired to first for the third out.

Evans led off the Jun's Pro second inning with a chopping single over second base. Pete Costello's fly ball to center was caught by Munoz. Jose Lora's scorcher back to the mound was knocked down by Gaul, who had the wits to get the force out at second. Walt Patrylo followed with a single up the middle but Rob Stratton's popup was chased down by Antonucci for the third out.

Trailing 1-0 Douglas VW led off the third inning with a single from Harold Zayas. Gaul lined out to Evans for the first out then Antonucci bounced a single into left-center. Al Genova spun a single past first and

ing 9-1 midway through the game, the Douglas VW bats awakened and eventually seized the lead in the bottom of the sixth inning.

seed Deegan Roofing for the championship.

Douglas VW	003	—	-	called
Jun's Pro	10-	—	-	called

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Playoffs:

Garwood Metal 11, Linda's Driftwood 2 7

Garwood jumped in front in the first inning, scoring five runs to grab a 5-0 lead. Linda's cut the lead to 7-4 at the end of four innings but the Metal Men withstood the heat and scored four runs to take an 11-4 lead into the seventh inning. Linda's rallied but fell short in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Metal Benders were led by Ron Kulik and Whitey McCormack with 3 hits apiece. Series tied at 1 game each.

five-run innings, along with a strong defense, advances. Every Rocky player crossed the plate and contributed a hit. Rocky's Bar & Grill wins the series 2-0 to move to the B Division Semifinals.

Douglas VW 21, Jun's Pro Service 13

It was a back-and-forth game the whole way with a shorthanded Jun's team fighting to the very end. It took until the sixth inning for the Douglas VW bats to take control and then the defense finally shut it down. Leading the way for Douglas was Rich Gaul



MAKING THE DELIVERY...Jun's Pro pitcher John Deith delivers a pitch during the "Mother Nature" game at Rahway River Park on August 10.

Rocky's Bar & Grill 23, Sonia's BCE 10

Rocky's, enjoying a total team effort with two six-run innings and two

both on the mound and with his bat going 4-for-4. Also collecting 3 hits for Douglas were Al Genova (3B), Geno Antonucci, Dan Righetti (2B, 3B, HR), Mario Lopez and Hector Munoz. Reaching base four times were Farlan Alusik and Harold Zayas. Billy Bureau hit a monster home run to nail it shut in the seventh.

For Jun's, Walt Patrylo went 5-for-5, including a home run and some solid third base defense, Pete Matarazzo turned a double play at second while hitting missiles to center. Jose Lora provided a valiant effort on the mound for the first time this summer and hit a monster triple. Robbie Stratton provided solid hitting and Stratton at short, while stalwarts John Segledi/Tom Ulichny/Dave Eckert, once again, were the heart and soul of Jun's team effort providing the speed and athleticism to cover the vast outfield three-handed. Douglas VW Wins the Series 2-0 to move to the A Division Finals.

Suspenders 12, AJ Jersey 9
For Suspenders, Erik Hastrop went 3-for-4 (2-2B, 2RBI, 4R), Ricky Gregorio (2H, 3B, 3RBI), and Brad Steele (2H, 3 RBI). Angelo Puerari, Carl Herman and Bob Dlugosz each had 2 hits with the rest of team getting one hit each. Great team defense highlighted by a few good grabs by LC Roy Alexander in support of spot-on pitching by Carl Herman. Leading the AJ attack were Greg Hobson going 3-for-3 with 3 RBI, while Steve Hobson and Rob Rowland both went 3-for-4. Suspenders wins the Series 2-0 to move into the C Division Finals.

NJ Gov't Services 3, Kenilworth VFW 19

Jose Santana led a balanced Kenilworth attack with 3 hits and 4 RBI. Also contributing with 3 hits apiece were Ron Kulik, John Saint James, Jose Jimenez and George Brokaw, who also had another fine pitching performance. At the plate for NJ Gov't, Joe Attanasi had two hits, including a home run, Steve Falco had two hits and James Massarelli had three hits. Kenilworth VFW wins the series 2-0 and advances to the B Division Finals.

Renda Roads 4, Linwood II 3

Leading the Renda offense was Rick Wilson who tied the game with a clutch single in the bottom of the sixth. Felix Velez had the game-winning sac fly in the bottom of the seventh. Don Fischer, Dan DiFede, Tim Walsh and Steve Barba each had 2 hits. Dennis Watson and Rick Wilson were perfect at the plate. Renda's defense was solid with several clutch plays. Sal Martino was the winning pitcher.

Renda Roads 11, Linwood II 6

Renda Roads defeated Linwood II, 11-6, to sweep the 2-game series and become repeat Champions of the Union County 60's A Division. Lead-

ing the offense were Sal Martino, Don Fischer, Anthony Santorelli, Tom Baldowski, Bernie Maguire, Tom Straniero, Gary Pence, Sal Martino and Dennis Watson with 2 hits each. Sal Martino was the winning pitcher and held Linwood II to 9 runs in the two game championship series. Renda Roads wins the series 2-0 to become A Division Playoff Champions.

Awnings Galore 15, Kenilworth VFW 11

After a 5-run first inning, Awnings Galore jumped out to a 9-3 lead in the second inning and held on to defeat VFW 15-11. The Veterans added six late inning runs but came up short after the Shaders scored four in the sixth to solidify the win. For Awnings, Gary Cuttler led the way with a 4-for-4 hitting performance and great shortstop plays, along with two triples by Rich Traub. Frank Green (2B), John Campanella (2B), Ozzie Osborn and Carmine Priore added two hits apiece.

Contributing for Kenilworth VFW were Don Montefusco with 3-for-3 (2RBI), Chris Kaminski 2-for-2 (HR, 4RBI) and Ron Kulik, Al Feigenbaum, Bill Vanderstreet, John Saint James and Jose Santana with 2 hits apiece. Awnings Galore leads the B Division Finals 1-0.



BEATING THE THROW...Kenilworth VFW runner Tom DeRocco beats the throw as Awnings' Pete "Ozzie" Osborn awaits the throw in the first inning of the UC 60+ A Division game at Tremley Field in Linden on August 11.

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St. Wolfgang Rips St. George Softball Men, 8-2

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Eric Cruz initiated a Bifani-to-third (Frank Vecchione) rundown to nab Brian Weber in the fifth inning. Pitcher Mike Kozlowski knocked down a wicked hopper to get a force out of Dan Rinaldo at first and nobody got the ball past Alvarez in leftfield.

Offensively, the Wolves banged out 15 hits and Barba went 4-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. Perconte whacked a two-run homer, an RBI single, a double and an RBI groundout, while scoring three times. Santiago

The Wolfgang gnawed on four runs in the top of the first inning. Barba hacked a double to left and Perconte lined an RBI single to right-center. Santiago hopped a single over second and Roy ripped an RBI single to right. Baboimian walked then Billotto bounced his two-run single past short. St. George answered with a run when Bifani sliced a single to right, da Costa lined a single to center and Vecchione added an RBI groundout to short.

St. Wolfgang took a 6-2 lead in the

around the bag and got caught in a rundown until he was finally tagged out by Vecchione. Santiago followed with an RBI single to right.

St. George also scored once in the fifth. da Costa reached safely on a force out, scooted to third on Alvarez's double down the right field line and scored on Vecchione's sac fly to right. St. Wolfgang scored once in the seventh to make the score 8-2 when Barba beat out an infield single, advanced to third on Weber's single to right-cen-



COMING INTO SCORE...St. George's Carlos daCosta tags up and scores as St. Wolfgang catcher Matt Marino retrieves the throw from right field in the fifth inning at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 12. The Wolfgang won 8-2.

and Roy each singled twice, had an RBI and scored once. Roger Billotto had a pair of singles and two RBI.

Bifani went 2-for-3 with a walk and a run scored for St. George. D'Amato and Kozlowski also went 2-for-3. Alvarez had the only extra base hit with a double to go with a pair of walks. Carlos da Costa singled and scored once and Vecchione had both RBI.

second inning. Barba singled to left, Weber grounded into a force out then Perconte launched a long shot to deep right-center that turned out to be a two-run homer.

Offensive silence followed until St. Wolfgang scored once in the fifth. Barba singled to right and Weber hit into another force put. Alvarez plopped the ball into right but as he took second for a double, Weber was still hovering

ter and scored on Perconte's groundout to second.

Bifani tapped a one-out single in the St. George seventh then da Costa's fly ball to center was caught by Roy for the second out. Alvarez drew his second walk of the game but then he was called out for leaving the bag too early for the final out.

St. Wolfgang	420	010	1	8
St. George	100	010	0	2

ST. GEORGE GRABS TOP SEED FOR ST. BART'S PLAYOFFS

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Final Standings:

STANDINGS (August 13):			
TEAM	W	L	T
St. George	16	5	
St. Sebastian	15	6	
St. Wolfgang	13	6	
St. Joseph	9	9	1
St. Anthony	9	10	1
St. Vincent	8	13	
St. Ignatius	6	12	
St. Francis	2	16	

St. Joseph 13, St. Anthony 5

St. Joseph started fast with a home run by Salvatore Gano, Jr. in the first inning, a single by Brian Stitt in the first inning, and a single by Bill Aumenta in the second inning plating



TRYING TO AVOID A COLLISION...St. George's Mike D'Amato protects himself as St. Wolfgang first baseman Dan Margolis awaits the throw (August 12).

runs. St. Joseph scored four runs in the seventh inning. Stitt, David Merkel and Tom Swales all contributed in the big inning with RBI.

St. Joseph veteran pitcher Frank Chupko allowed 16 hits, walking zero. St. Anthony pitcher John Veglia surrendered nine runs on 12 hits over four innings, walking one. Robert DelCid threw three innings in relief.

For St. Anthony, Robert Zerafa and DelCid (both with 3 hits), Mike Abram, Veglia, Todd Feinberg and Mike Cunningham each had multiple hits. St. Joseph racked up 18 hits. Aumenta rapped 4 hits. Christopher Millar, Gano, Stitt, Chris Paterek and Merkel all managed multiple hits.

St. George 12, St. Vincent 6

With the victory, St. George clinched first place for the season. Captain Jeff Freidlander's team got

Carlos DaCosta (4 RBI) all moved runners across the plate with RBI.

For St. Vincent, Jonathan Villegas (3-for-4), Eddie Fernandez, Jack Kennedy, Kevin Morris and Keith Karyczak all had multiple hits. For St. George, DaCosta (3 hits) Alvarez, Patrylo, Eric Cruz, Bifani and Russell Voorhees all collected multiple hits.

St. Sebastian 16, St. Ignatius 6

In the second inning, St. Sebastian scored 7 runs, highlighted by a single by Joshua Baik, a double by William "Pirate" Scheiner, a double by John Greenblatt, a sacrifice fly by Glenn Gang, and a triple by Dave Eckert.

Gang was on the hill for St. Sebastian and surrendered six runs on 12 hits, walking none. Peter Chemidlin toed the rubber for St. Ignatius and allowed 14 hits and 11 runs over five innings. Reliever Bob McGuinness

threw two innings.

St. Ignatius racked up 12 hits. Joe DiBernardo, Bob Cihanowycz and Frederick Wustefeld all collected multiple hits. St. Sebastian tallied 19 hits. Greenblatt, Kevin Coupe, Gang and Baik all managed multiple hits.

St. Anthony 3, St. Francis 2

The game was tied at two with St. Anthony batting in the top of the eighth when Mike Cunningham hit a solo homer for the game winner. St. Francis got things moving in the first inning, when Frank Samuelian slapped an RBI single. St. Anthony pitcher John Veglia allowed 10 hits, while walking zero. Harold Hopley went the distance for St. Francis, allowing 12 hits, while walking none.

For St. Francis, Bill Mellone and Nam-June Joe each collected multiple hits. For St. Anthony, Robert Zerafa, Todd Feinberg and Gerry Reipe each collected multiple hits.

St. Ignatius 10, St. Sebastian 7

Gerry Russo ripped a two-run single in the last inning to lead St. Ignatius. Winning pitcher Bob McGuinness allowed 18 hits. Kevin Caggiano toed the hill for St. Sebastian, allowing 18 hits and nine runs over four innings, striking out one.

For St. Sebastian, David Eckert (3-for-4), Erik Hastrup, Gang, Kevin Coupe, Andrew Smyth, Caggiano and Liam Nobile each managed multiple hits. St. Ignatius totaled 23 hits. Joe DiBernardo (4-for-4), Rick Cintron, Colum Keough, Joe Oporto, McGuinness, Russo, Luis Fraguas and Frederick Wustefeld all had multiple hits.

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

2021 DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (Potential for Quorum of the Township Council)

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September 8, 2021

October 13, 2021

November 10, 2021

December 8, 2021

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building Township Council Chambers, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

No formal action will be taken by the Township Council.

BOZENA LACINA, Municipal Clerk

1 T - 08/19/21, The Times Fee: \$22.95



RENTA ROADS - 60+ A DIVISION CHAMPS...Renda Roads defeated Linwood II, 11-6, in Game 2 on August 12 to claim the Union County Senior 60+ A Division title. The team consists of (no order) Bernie Maguire, Doug Fischer, Tom Straniero, Tim Walsh, Joe Massimino, Gary Pence, Anthony Santorelli, Steve Barba, Joe DiFabio, Sal Martino, Tom Baldowski, Felix Velez, John Mazur, Rich Wilson, Dennis Watson, Bill D'Amico, Dan DiFedele, Mark Mariski and Dana Kimmel.

Renda Roads Nips Linwood II in UC 60+, 4-3

Dennis Watson went 1-for-1 and scored once. Geno Antonelli went 2-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI for Linwood II. Bill Buteau and Willie Shumate both tapped RBI singles.

A couple of fine scoops by Renda shortstop Tim Walsh and a great play from second baseman Fischer kept Linwood II off the scoreboard in the top of the first inning. Centerfielder Jim McCullough and third baseman Antonelli made fine plays to keep Renda silent in the bottom of the inning.

McCullough reached safely on an error to lead off the Linwood II second inning. Pat Mooney drew a one-out walk but Martino got the next two batters to fly out to centerfielder Anthony Santorelli. DiFedele led off the Renda Roads second with a single to right but Daniel, on the mound, scrambled to make a diving snag of Walsh's popup and rolled the ball to first for a double play. Velez followed with a dribbling single past first but Tom Straniero's fly ball was hauled in by McCullough.

Velez absorbed Ed Kushner's scorching liner to hold Linwood II

scoreless in the third then the Roadsters finally scored once in the bottom of the inning. Barba belted a leadoff double to center, Gary Pence rapped a single to left and DiFabio lofted an RBI sac fly to McCullough, who would also gun down Pence, who tagged up on an attempt to take second. John Mazur blazed a steamer to Daniel for the third out.

Linwood II answered twice in the fourth. Antonelli curled a single over first and Al Genova bounced a single down the first base line. Buteau lined an RBI single to center and Shumate also poked an RBI single to center but Buteau's courtesy runner attempted to take third but a relay from Santorelli-to-Mazur (middle infield)-to-Watson denied his success.

Watson yanked a one-out single to leftfield in the Renda fourth and Fischer reached base on an error. After Santorelli lined out to leftfield for the second out, Tom Baldowski was intentionally walked then Joe Massimino legged out an infield RBI single to knot the score.

Velez at first and Mazur both made key defensive plays to mute Linwood II

II in the fifth inning then despite singles from Walsh and Barba, Renda failed to score thanks to McCullough's running and rolling snare in shallow center.

Linwood II took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Antonelli singled to right to bring home Chris Paterek's courtesy runner Shumate. But Renda quickly re-knotted the score when DiFabio used his blazing speed to leg out a double in shallow center then scored on Rich Watson's single to right.

After a pair of groundouts to short-stop in the seventh inning, McCullough plopped a single into shallow right but Steve Miscio's fly ball to right was hauled in by Barba. After Baldowski popped up to short in the Renda seventh, Massimino drew a walk and DiFedele bashed a double to left but due to the strong arm of Al Genova, Massimino's courtesy runner Barba did not chance a go at home. Walsh was intentionally walked then Velez lofted his game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to right.

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LINWOOD II - 60+ A DIVISION RUNNERUP...Linwood II played two strong games against the Renda Roads Machine, dropping a 4-3 decision and an 11-6 decision. Linwood II consists of (no order) Al Genova, Ralph Genova, Bill Buteau, Pat Mooney, Jim McCullough, Chris Paterek, Bill Daniel, Mike Jones, Ed Kushner, Glenn Sytko, Gene Antonucci, Steve Miscia, John Amato, Bob Glassman, Willie Shumate, Mark Cowan, Bill Dugan and Harry Streep.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 21-17-R

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ORDINANCE 21-17-R

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 67 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON AUGUST 16, 2021.

Kathleen Holmes

Borough Clerk

1 T - 08/19/21, The Times Fee: \$18.87

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

On July 23, 2021, bids were received by the Township of Cranford for the "Renovation of the Cranford Recreation Center – 375 Centennial Avenue." The Township of Cranford has now awarded a contract for said project. The contract and Resolution No. 2021-288 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: Tri-Form Construction Inc., 119 Liberty Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840

Service: Construction contract for the renovation of the Cranford Recreation Center at 375 Centennial Avenue.

Total Base Bid Price: \$1,253,000.00

Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC

Township Clerk

1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF LEASE AGREEMENT

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized a Lease Agreement with RND Disposal for two (2) parking spots in Municipal Lot 7 for the use of a solid waste receptacle (a "dumpster") for the use of certain adjoining property owners and their tenants. This lease agreement and Resolution No. 2021-292 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Lease: RND Disposal, P.O. Box 209, Garwood, New Jersey, 07027
Service: Lease two (2) parking spots in Municipal Lot 7 for the use of a solid waste receptacle (a "dumpster") for the use of certain adjoining property owners and their tenants
Duration: One (1) Year
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinances were finally adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, New Jersey, on the 10th of August 2021.

ORDINANCE 2021-17

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CHAPTER 17- ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION", §17-9 "EMERGENCY SERVICES COST RECOVERY"; §17-10.1 "MISCELLANEOUS"; §17-11 "FIRE ALARMS"; AND §17-12 "FIRE WATCH".

ORDINANCE 2021-18

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CHAPTER 27 - ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING", §27.2.6 "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES".

ORDINANCE 2021-19

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CHAPTER 18 - ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE", TO ADD THE FIRE OFFICIAL AS JOINT CODE OFFICIAL, IN RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT.

ORDINANCE 2021-20

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CHAPTER 15 - ENTITLED "STREETS, SANITATION AND SHADE TREES", §15-2.10 "BASKETBALL HOOPS"; §15-2.10.1 "RESTRICTIONS AS TO BASKETBALL STANDARDS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT OR APPARATUS"; AND §15-2.10.2 "VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES".

ORD 2021-21

ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMMUNITY PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS ACT.

BOZENA LACINA
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Times Fee: \$52.02

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 21-19-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on August 16, 2021. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, AND CHAPTER 67, POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on September 20, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., via virtual conference and phone conference.

Kathleen Holmes
Borough Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Times Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF UNION

OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK
MS. PATRICIA DONAHUE
8 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY 07016

PHONE 908-709-7210
FAX 908-276-4859
EMAIL: p-donahue@cranfordnj.org

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFDA#97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2017-005

The Township of Cranford is soliciting qualifications through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Sealed Request for Proposal (RFP) responses will be received by the Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at the Municipal Building, located at 8 Springfield Avenue, room 108, 2nd Floor, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016, on **Wednesday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and publicly opened with the contents of the same publicly announced for:

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFDA#97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2017-005

Beginning on Thursday, August 19, 2021, submission packages may be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office, (908) 709-7210, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, or by downloading the documents on the Township's website:

Union County Offers Free Covid-19 Third Shots

COUNTY – Union County began offering an additional Covid-19 shot to eligible residents on August 14. Under new guidelines issued by the New Jersey Department of Health, residents who are already vaccinated against Covid-19 with either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine can receive a third shot if they are in an immunosuppressed category.

Details about eligibility are available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html>.

"Throughout the pandemic, Union County has carefully followed federal vaccination guidelines to ensure that the approved regimens are applied in our community as soon as possible. The FDA and CDC took an important step forward today, and we stand ready to start this important service tomorrow morning," said Union County Commissioner Board Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Residents who are eligible for a third shot can use Union County's online system at ucnj.org/vax to make an appointment, or they can walk up to any vaccine location with proof of their original vaccine series for a third shot.

Permanent vaccination sites in Union County are located at the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth, Downs Hall at Kean University, and Plainfield High School in Plainfield. Union County's mobile clinics also visit local neighborhoods on a regular basis.

Any resident who needs help using the ucnj.org/vax online system can contact the Union County Covid-19 Call Center for assistance at (908) 613-7829 during regular weekday business hours.

Union County's Immunization Center at 40 Parker Road in Elizabeth is also providing free Covid-19 vaccines. The Immunization Center provides all other standard immunization shots for children and adults, as well. Call (908) 965-3627 or 965-3868 for more information.

In addition, home-bound residents can use Union County's home vaccination service. To receive a home visit for an additional shot or a first shot, call the service provider, Mobile Medical Services, at (833) 256-2478 or request a

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT

The Township of Cranford has authorized an emergency contract with Wex Inc., aka Wawa for the provision of diesel and gasoline as per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, which allows a municipality to award a contract on an emergency basis without public advertising for bids and bidding (as the municipal diesel and gasoline pumps were repaired on or about July 15, 2021.) This contract and Resolution No. 2021-280 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: Wex Inc., aka Wawa
Service: Emergency contract for diesel and gasoline services
Fee: \$3.279/gallon for Diesel and \$3.059/gallon for Gasoline
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$23.46

PUBLIC NOTICE

<https://www.cranfordnj.org/bids>. Registration on the Township's website is required.

Respondents shall comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27. A copy of the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate must be included with the RFP.

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFP's) shall contain: one original, two (2) hard copies and one (1) digital copy (i.e., USB stick or thumb drive) of the submission. Such RFP response shall be enclosed in an opaque sealed envelope, plainly marked: "Architectural Services for Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (CFDA#97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2017-005" and shall show the name and address of the bidder. RFP's may be hand-delivered to the Township Building or may be forwarded by personal service, certified mail, U.S. Post or other mail delivery service. If mailed, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope properly addressed for mailing as follows:

Patricia Donahue
c/o September 8th RFP Opening - Architectural Services for Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (CFDA#97.029) FMA-PJ-02-NJ-2017-005
Township Clerk
Township of Cranford
Municipal Building
8 Springfield Avenue
Cranford, New Jersey 07016

By order of the Township of Cranford Township Committee:
Kathleen Prunty,
(Current) Mayor
Jamie Cryan,
Township Administrator

Patricia Donahue,
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$76.50

visit by sending an email to vaccine@mmst.io.

All New Jersey residents age 12 and up are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. All residents age 18 and up can also use the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Residents making appointments for third doses at Union County's vaccination clinics are reminded that they will be receiving the same mRNA as their original vaccination, and they must have finished their original vaccine series four weeks or more before receiving a third shot. Those who received Johnson and Johnson's Janssen Covid-19 vaccine are not eligible at this time.

Photo ID and proof of prior vaccination are required. Either the CDC vaccination card or the state-approved Docket app can be used as proof of vaccination.

Residents who have lost their CDC card can also receive a copy of their immunization record from the New Jersey Department of Health, by using the "Submit a Request" link at <https://njiis.nj.gov>.

Free Covid-19 tests are also available at Union County's vaccination clinics.

Newark Man Arrested For Hillside Slaying

HILLSIDE -- A Newark resident has been arrested this morning at Newark Airport after being criminally charged with shooting and killing a man in Hillside in July, Union County Prosecutor William A. Daniel and Hillside Police Chief Vincent Ricciardi jointly announced Tuesday.

Darius L. Easterling, 30, is charged with first-degree murder, second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon and second-degree possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes in connection with the death of Steven Zimmerman, 31, of Hillside

Shortly before 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, members of the Hillside Police Department responded to the 1400 block of North Broad Street and found Zimmerman at that location, who had sustained serious injury resulting from having been shot. He was subsequently pronounced dead, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Peter Benza, who is prosecuting the case.

An investigation led by the Union County Homicide Task Force and assisted by the Hillside Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit, the Union County Police Department Ballistics Unit, the Port Authority Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations, resulted in the identification of Easterling as the murder suspect and led to his eventual capture and arrest.

"We are grateful for the collaboration from the local and federal law enforcement agencies who assisted our Office in locating and apprehending the suspect," Prosecutor Daniel said. "And we hope that this arrest can bring some small measure of comfort to all those grieving Mr. Zimmerman."

Anyone with information about this matter is still urged to contact Prosecutor's Office Sgt. Christopher Scurozo at (908) 472-0492, Detective Nora Berrio at (908) 370-3016, or Hillside Police Department Detective Natalie Ogonowski at (732) 540-2029.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD AMENDMENT

The Township of Cranford has amended a Contract Award to provide architectural services in connection with renovations to 375 Centennial Avenue Indoor Recreation Facility. The Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP/Q) for architectural services in connection with renovations to 375 Centennial Avenue Indoor Recreation Facility through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and Resolution No. 2021-293 are available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Awarded to: DMR Architects, 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, 07604
Service: Architectural services in connection with renovations to 375 Centennial Avenue Indoor Recreation Facility
Fee: Not to Exceed an additional \$13,275.00
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$27.54

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.2 via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **08/26/21**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Maintenance Machine Sweeping Contract, North - 2021, Various Locations, Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren (Including and North of Route 57) Counties; 100% State Funded; DP No: 21458

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 (P.L. 1975, c. 127); N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.19, contractors must provide a Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form prior to contract award.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, contractor must submit the Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue Business Registration of the contractor and any named subcontractors prior to contract award or authorization.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.51, contractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance at the time of bid.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bids.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe, follow the instructions on the web site. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Sterli Court
Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856
973-601-6690
3 T - 08/05/21, 08/12/21 & 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$168.30

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WESTFIELD

Monday, August 9, a person staying at a Moss Avenue residence reported being a victim of a theft. The victim stated that a bag containing clothing and other items was stolen. The bag may have been left outside the property when it was taken. The value of the contents of the bag is estimated at over \$1,300.

Monday, August 9, a resident of Carol Road stated that his bicycle had been stolen near the area of East Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. The resident indicated he had left the bicycle unattended for a short period of time, and upon returning, it was missing.

Monday, August 9, an individual reported that his motor vehicle was burglarized, resulting in a theft, in the area of the 100 block of Elm Street. Unknown suspect(s) entered the victim's vehicle at approximately 6:45 p.m. and removed a baseball-style hat, valued at approximately \$18, from the vehicle and left the area.

Tuesday, August 10, a resident of the 900 block of Irving Avenue reported that between the hours of 5 p.m. the previous evening and 9 a.m. the following morning, unknown suspect(s) entered their unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in their driveway. The suspect(s) removed approximately \$40 in U. S. currency from the vehicle. No other items were reported stolen from the vehicle and there was no damage to the vehicle.

Tuesday, August 10, a resident of the 900 block of Everts Avenue reported the theft of a New Jersey dealer license plate. The resident stated that the plate was last seen on a vehicle on August 7, 2021. On August 10, 2021, the dealer license plate was, in fact, missing from the vehicle. The value of the dealer license plate is approximately \$51.50.

Tuesday, August 10, a resident of the 1000 block of Columbus Avenue reported that an unknown suspect(s) used his identity (namely his Social Security number and address) to rent an apartment in another state. The victim stated that a collection agency contacted him stating that he owed a substantial amount of money. The victim has never lived in or rented the apartment in question. The victim has suffered no monetary loss.

Thursday, August 12, police arrested Michael Ross, 40, of Scotch Plains pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on the 400 block of East South Avenue and charged him with driving while intoxicated (DWI). Ross was processed at Westfield police headquarters. He was later released to a sober adult with a pending Westfield Municipal Court date.

Thursday, August 12, a resident of the 800 block of West South Avenue reported being a victim of criminal mischief and attempted theft. The victim stated that unknown suspect(s) caused approximately \$1,500 worth of damage to the rear trunk door and bumper area of her Jeep. Based on the preliminary investigation, it appeared that the suspect(s) attempted to steal the wheel and tire that was mounted on the rear trunk door of the Jeep, but that the attempt was unsuccessful. Thursday, August 12, a resident

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the provision of engineering services in connection with the Edgar Avenue Drainage Improvements Project. The Township had previously advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-273 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Colliers Engineering & Design (DBA Maser Consulting Inc.), 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856
Services and Goods: Engineering Services in connection with the Edgar Avenue Drainage Improvements Project
Project Fee: Not to exceed \$49,750.00
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$26.01

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for part-time Planning Services in connection with receipt and processing of applications for permits, site plan approval, variances, etc. to the Township's Office of Planning & Zoning, pursuant to the fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-274 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Colliers Engineering & Design (DBA Maser Consulting Inc.), 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856
Services and Goods: New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) FY2021 Various Road Improvements – Burnside Avenue Project
Project Fee: Not to exceed \$125,000.00
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$28.56

of the 100 block of Brightwood Avenue reported selling an item on Facebook Marketplace to an individual who responded to her residence to purchase it. While the transaction was occurring, the buyer asked about other items at her residence, and if they were for sale. The buyer was on Facetime the entire time and the resident believes they may have been using Facetime to case out her property.

Thursday, August 12, a resident reported being sprayed with pesticides from a truck at approximately 10:28 p.m. while walking in the area of the 300 block of Clark Street. The alleged truck was described as being yellow with the word "pesticide" written on it.

Friday, August 13, Westfield Police took possession of a clear plastic bin containing miscellaneous items used for vehicle detailing from the south-side train station lot. The bin and its contents were placed in a secure location for safekeeping.

Saturday, August 14, a resident of the 900 block of Saint Marks Avenue reported that someone attempted to take out a loan in the amount of \$2,500 in the victim's name. The victim was notified of this attempt through Digital Credit Union and the loan was denied.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Wednesday, August 11, a resident of Jersey Avenue reported that someone had fraudulently applied for unemployment benefits in their name. The matter is under investigation.

Thursday, August 12, a resident of Cooper Road reported the theft of a black Diamondback Podium 7 mountain bike, valued at \$7,000. The matter is under investigation.

Saturday, August 14, a resident of Edgewood Terrace reported fraudulent activity on a credit account. The matter is under investigation.

Sunday, August 15, a resident of the 200 block of Watchung Terrace reported a burglary at their home. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, August 16, the management of Snuffys/Pantagis, located at 250 Park Avenue, reported the theft of a 2007 Ford E25 van. The motor vehicle has been entered as stolen. The matter is under investigation.

Monday, August 16, a business on the 2300 block of South Avenue reported damage to their property overnight. The matter is under investigation.

Charges are merely an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2021-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 410, PARKING FEES FOR PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS, PARKING LOTS, AND MUNICIPAL GARAGES

STATEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was finally passed at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey on August 10, 2021.

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$18.87

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for part-time Planning Services in connection with receipt and processing of applications for permits, site plan approval, variances, etc. to the Township's Office of Planning & Zoning, pursuant to the fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-279 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Topology NJ LLC, 60 Union Street, #1N, Newark, New Jersey 07105
Service: Provide part-time planning services in connection with receipt and processing of applications for permits, site plan approval, variances, etc. to the Township's Office of Planning & Zoning
Fee: Not to Exceed \$20,000.00
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has authorized an award of contract for the provision of engineering services in connection with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) FY2021 Various Road Improvements – Burnside Avenue Project. The Township had previously advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. Such contract and Resolution No. 2021-274 authorizing said contract are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

Awarded to: Colliers Engineering & Design (DBA Maser Consulting Inc.), 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856
Services and Goods: New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) FY2021 Various Road Improvements – Burnside Avenue Project
Project Fee: Not to exceed \$125,000.00
Date: August 10, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk
1 T - 08/19/21, The Leader Fee: \$28.56

Garwood Rocks Returns September 19

GARWOOD -- Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) is pleased to announce that Vermella at Garwood Station will present Garwood Still Rocks! for 2021. The key sponsorship from Russo Development's new luxury rental community opening in town this fall means that after a one year hiatus due to the pandemic, Garwood is revving up once again to rock out and enjoy a full day of family fun. This year for the first time, the event will be held in the Fall on Sunday, September 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (rain or shine) in downtown Garwood.

Garwood Still Rocks! features a classic car show hosted by "Hot Rod Mike" which is expected to draw over 100 cars this year, in addition to an all-day live stage, entertainment, vendors, and festival food including many area favorite food trucks. Artists and craftspeople will display paintings, pottery, photography, hand-made jewelry, furniture, and many other unique gifts. The Crossroads is sponsoring the Beer & Wine Garden and providing the main entertainment at the Garwood Rocks main stage. The music lineup will be announced later in the year. A fun day for the

whole family and admission is free.

For further information regarding booking a space, please contact This is It Productions at (201) 653-2699 extension 251.

"We're delighted to help support this wonderful event," said Ed Russo, Chief Executive Officer of Russo Development. "This annual gathering of residents and visitors in a family-oriented setting enjoying so many of the things that make Garwood special is a great example of the strong sense of community that exists here which attracted us to this close-knit neighborhood. We came to town to be an active, contributing neighbor, and look forward to helping Garwood Still Rocks!"

Mayor Sara Todisco said, "I am beyond excited for the return of our street fair with Garwood Still Rocks! happening in September. It's a highlight of the year to see our community and neighbors come together to enjoy the live music, car show, food, and shopping. I'm very grateful for the key sponsorship by Vermella at Garwood Station, which helped make this day possible along with all the other sponsors and the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce."



CLASSIC CARS...Garwood Still Rocks!, planned for Sunday, September 19, will feature a classic car show hosted by "Hot Rod Mike." It is expected to draw more than 100 cars this year.

Garden Club of Westfield Honors Merrilyn Crane

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield has awarded Honorary Membership to Merrilyn Crane for her outstanding service and dedication to the club.

Mrs. Crane has performed exceptionally in conducting club duties and organizing activities since she joined in 2010, according to the Garden Club, which revealed that she has eagerly volunteered for and participated in projects from the beginning of her membership.

Her first major project involved co-chairmanship of Education Day, held at Williams Nursery in Westfield. Mrs. Crane organized the event and selected attractive displays, as well as obtaining knowledgeable and interesting speakers, the club stated.

"The event was well attended. She made it fun for all who worked on the event. She later became chair of workshops, which were also educational and enjoyable. She created two excellent workshops, which members anticipate with pleasure every year," the club noted.

In December, members make

Kissing Balls with evergreens, ornaments and ribbons to decorate their homes. In April, members plant a variety of lettuce, herbs and flowers in containers that resemble large salad bowls. As the plants grow, members can then pick lettuce and herbs from the bowls to make salads. In addition, Mrs. Crane has been "a fountain of ideas and an enthusiastic promoter of club trips and activities," the Garden Club reported.

The club president's term is usually for two years, but Mrs. Crane volunteered for another two years. During those four years, she acted to make the club a close-knit group of friends, rather than simply members.

"She believes that working together brings people closer. She encouraged club members to work on community projects, which they have accomplished," according to the Garden Club. "In addition to her presidential duties, she continued to chair the Programs and Workshops Committees with a smile and kindness for all."



CONGRATULATIONS, MERRILYN...Merrilyn Crane is honored by fellow members of the Garden Club of Westfield for her many contributions to the organization since she joined in 2010. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rosemary Shire, Mrs. Crane and Lorraine Kolibas.



Great Local Garden Centers, Family Gardening Event

By SHANNON WALSH
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

We're fortunate to live in an area with some terrific family-owned nurseries and active extension offices through Rutgers University, but I find that sometimes folks don't know about some of our great local resources.

Williams Nursery in Westfield celebrated its one hundredth anniversary last year, and the nursery is still run by the Williams family. They specialize in variety for the residential customer, carrying a wide array of annuals, perennials, and shrubs. In the past few years the nursery has become a premier houseplant purveyor. They have all the most popular houseplants, as well as an ever-expanding collection of hard-to-find specimens. Williams is also located adjacent to the Lenape trail so it's a lovely spot to peruse on your walk or bike ride.

Dreyer Farms in Cranford has also had its hundredth birthday fairly recently and is also still run by the Dreyer family. They carry a nice stock of annu-

als, perennials, shrubs and trees, and some houseplants. But another joy of visiting this greenhouse is their farmer's market style store with its locally sourced produce, dairy, meats, and baked goods. Don't miss the apple cider doughnuts.

Two smaller spots for plants are Linwyck Gardens and Prince's Farm Stand. Linwyck Gardens is a family-owned grower based in Freehold, but they have a satellite location in Westfield. They grow many of their own plants, and they also operate a charming shop with pots, decorations, and accessories. Prince's Farm Stand in Mountainside is just that, more of a small grocery store that sources from local growers and other small business ventures such as handmade soaps and candles. But they also carry a small but lovely selection of annuals and perennials, especially in the spring. If you're there for their great food, check out the plants that run around the perimeter of the building.

Just around twenty five minutes away is Great Swamp Greenhouses in Gillette. If you're looking for a particular tree, shrub, annual or perennial, you're likely to find it at Great Swamp. They carry native plants, and they grow many of their own annuals and perennials. Great Swamp also has all the accoutrement for gardening from tools to pots, fertilizers, seeds, watering accessories and more. It's a one-stop shop for gardeners and well worth the drive.

I highly recommend our Agricultural Extension Office to anyone interested in gardening. They offer free classes, Master Gardening programs, and free events like the one coming up on Saturday, August 21, the Middlesex County EARTH Center Garden and Art Day. Families are invited to a tour of the gardens, including the Children's Garden with Green Roof playhouse, an enormous vegetable display garden, compost display area, and a native plant garden.

Master gardeners will talk about vegetable growing techniques that the pros use, and will offer advice on horticulture and environmental stewardship. Visitors can also get briefed on the arrival of the invasive insect, the Spotted Lanternfly. For more information visit: www.middlesexcountynj.gov/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/Middlesex-County-E-A-R-T-H-Center.aspx

Union County to Host Car, Truck and Bike Show

COUNTY — The Board of County Commissioners invites residents to the Union County Car, Truck and Bike Show saluting the County's first responders and front-line heroes. The event will take place on Saturday, August 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Oak Ridge Park Sports Complex, located at 136 Oak Ridge Road in Clark. The event is free for all to attend.

The event will showcase the Union County Public Safety and EMS fleet and Covid-19 front line responders along with scores of unique and unusual car show vehicles.

The rain date for this event is scheduled for Sunday, August 22. Those attending are encouraged to wear masks or practice social distancing when possible.

"The Union County Car, Truck and Bike Show gives everyone an opportunity to have a great time and salute our first responders and front line he-

roes who make all the difference in our lives," Union County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

The Union County Car, Truck and Bike Show will be a family friendly event. Attendees of all ages will be able to enjoy TV Movie cars, super hero characters, food vendors, a DJ and more. For more details about the event, residents should contact GWIZ Auto Entertainment Group by phone at (908) 482-8132 or by email at gwizauto.nj@gmail.com.

The Union County Mobile Vaccination Unit will be at the event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. to provide free Covid-19 vaccines and saliva testing.

Appointments for vaccines at the event, and at Union County's other vaccination sites, can be booked online by creating an account at ucnj.org/vax.

The saliva tests are on a walk-up basis and no appointment is necessary.

Mixing With Zest

By HILLARY SHOPE

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

Shrimp Shish Kabob

Grilling is one of my favorite ways to make dinner in the summer. This is an easy shrimp marinade that packs a spicy punch! I recommend marinating the shrimp for a few hours, but you can marinate it for as little as 30 minutes if you're short on time. You can serve this over rice, or add to tortillas for shrimp tacos! Store leftovers in an airtight container.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound shrimp
- 1 box of cherry tomatoes
- 1 bell pepper (any color)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/8 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1/4 tsp honey

Directions:

1. Peel, devein and rinse shrimp.
2. Place shrimp in a large Ziploc bag.
3. Add olive oil, seasonings and honey.
4. Close the bag and shake to incorporate ingredients.
5. Place the Ziploc in the fridge and allow the shrimp to marinate for at least an hour. (I put my Ziploc inside of a large bowl to make sure none of

the marinade leaks out).

6. Rinse the cherry tomatoes and set aside.

7. Cut the bell pepper into small pieces and set aside.

8. When you're ready to grill, put the shrimp on skewers (alternating with slices of bell pepper and tomatoes).

9. Grill on low heat for 3-4 mins on each side.

10. Take the shrimp off the grill and allow to cool for a few seconds. Remove the shrimp from the skewers using a fork. Enjoy!



Community Calendar

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Anti-Racism Training Fridays,

August 20, 27 and September 3, 10, 17, 7 p.m. The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey Anti-Racism Ministry invites you to participate in 20 hours of online Anti-Racism Training streamed to your computer, tablet or mobile phone via Zoom. You do not have to be Episcopalian to participate. To register, please visit dioceseofnj.org/anti-racism-training.

Tails & Tales Virtual Trivia Monday, August 23, 7 p.m. Test your knowledge with our summer reading trivia challenge. Each round will be based on the summer reading theme in some way. Register as a team or on your own to get the link for this virtual quiz. To register or for more information, please visit scotlib.org.

Aladdin – Live Action at Rutgers Avenue Park Tuesday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk, with everyone encouraged to bring a blanket or beach chair to the lawn. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900 or visit ucnj.org.

Balance Awareness with Yasmin Ofek Friday, August 27, 10 a.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library on Zoom for a different approach to exercise. All you'll need is a chair and sneakers to experience this gentle but effective approach to moving confidently. To register, please visit scotlib.org or call (908) 322-5007 ext 204

Westfield Street Fair and Craft Show Saturday, August 28, 11 a.m. Visit downtown Westfield for a day of family fun with arts and crafts, shopping, kid's rides, music, dancing, food and more.

Williams Nursery Plant Swap Saturday, August 28. If you have a plant you can take a plant at the second annual plant swap. For

more information, visit facebook.com/williamsnursery.

Night Sky Observation with Bob Reichman Monday, August 30, 8 p.m. Join the Scotch Plains Public Library and explore the skies with astrono-educator Bob Reichman outside the library. For for information or to register, please visit scotlib.org.

Garwood STILL Rocks Sunday, September 19, 11 a.m. The Garwood Rocks Car Show & Street Fair returns on Center Street in downtown Garwood for live music, food trucks, vendors and more. For more information, follow facebook.com/GarwoodRocks on Facebook.

Black Violin: The Impossible Tour Friday, September 24 7:30 p.m. Kean Stage is celebrating its in-person return at Wilkins Theatre with a unique blend of classical, hip-hop, jazz, R&B and reggae is often described as "classical boom." For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/events.

Voctave Sunday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. An 11-member a cappella group will perform at Kean Stage's Enlow Recital Hall singing original arrangements of Disney and Broadway hits. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/events.

An Evening with Jimmy Webb Saturday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. Singer, songwriter and composer Jimmy Webb will be performing at Kean Stage's Enlow Recital Hall and is the only artist to receive Grammy Awards for music, lyrics and orchestration. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit keanstage.com/events.

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Renda Roads Nips Linwood II in UC 60 A Division Game 1, 4-3

MARTINO SCATTERS 8 HITS; VELEZ LOFTS WINNING RBI, BARBA & DiFEDELE 2B, 1B; FISCHER 2 HITS

Renda Roads Nips Linwood II in 60+ A Division Game 1, 4-3

By **DAVID B. CORBIN**
For The Westfield Leader and The Times

Superior pitching, along with a number of memorable defensive plays, dictated the pace of Game 1 in the best-of-three A Division Championship series of the Union County Senior 60+ Men's Softball League at Memorial Field 3 in

Linden on August 9. Top-seeded Renda Roads and second-seeded Linwood II were locked in a 3-3 stalemate until Felix Velez stepped to the plate with one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning and lofted a sacrifice fly to right field to bring home courtesy runner Steve Barba with the winning

run. Sal Martino was on the mound for the Renda Roadsters, who finished the regular season with a 19-2 record. He permitted only eight singles but five of them came in the fifth inning when Linwood II (also 19-2 in regular season) scored two of its runs. Linwood II pitcher Bill Daniel yielded 13 hits, which included three doubles, and walked three (2 intentional).

Barba went 2-for-2 with a

double and a run scored for Renda Roads. Don DiFedele went 2-for-3 with a double and Joe DiFabio went 1-for-1 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Doug Fischer singled twice and reached base safely on an error. Dennis Watson went 1-for-1 and scored once. Geno Antonelli went 2-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI for Linwood II. Bill Buteau and Willie Shumate both tapped RBI singles.

A couple of fine scoops by Renda shortstop Tim Walsh and a great play from second baseman Fischer kept Linwood II off the scoreboard in the top of

the first inning. Centerfielder Jim McCullough and third baseman Antonelli made fine plays to keep Renda silent in the bottom of the inning.

McCullough reached safely on an error to lead off the Linwood II second inning. Pat Mooney drew a one-out walk but Martino got the next two batters to fly out to centerfielder Anthony Santorelli. DiFedele led off the Renda Roads second with a single to right but Daniel, on the mound, scrambled to make a diving snag of Walsh's popup and rolled the ball to first

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for a double play. Velez followed with a dribbling single past first but Tom Straniero's fly ball was hauled in by McCullough.

Velez absorbed Ed Kushner's scorching liner to hold Linwood II scoreless in the third then the Roadsters finally scored once in the bottom of the inning. Barba belted a leadoff double to center, Gary Pence rapped a single to left and DiFabio lofted an RBI sac fly to McCullough, who would also gun down Pence, who tagged up on an attempt to take second. John Mazur drilled a steamer to Daniel for the third out.

Linwood II answered twice in

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the fourth. Antonelli curled a single over first and Al Genova bounced a single down the first base line. Buteau lined an RBI single to center and Shumate also poked an RBI single to center but Buteau's courtesy runner attempted to take third but a relay from Santorelli-to-Mazur (middle infield)-to-Watson denied his success.

Watson yanked a one-out single to leftfield in the Renda fourth and Fischer reached base on an error. After Santorelli lined out to leftfield for the second out, Tom Baldowski was intentionally walked then Joe Massimino legged out an infield RBI single to knot the score.

Velez at first and Mazur both made key defensive plays to mute Linwood II in the fifth inning then despite singles from Walsh and Barba, Renda failed to score thanks to McCullough's running and rolling snare in shallow center.

Linwood II took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Antonelli singled to right to bring home Chris Paterrek's courtesy runner Shumate. But Renda quickly re-knotted the score when DiFabio used his blazing speed to leg out a double in shallow center then scored on Rich Watson's single to right.

After a pair of groundouts to shortstop in the seventh inning, McCullough plopped a single into shallow right but Steve Miscio's fly ball to right was hauled in by Barba. After Baldowski popped up to short in the Renda seventh, Massimino drew a walk and DiFedele bashed a double to left but due to the strong arm of Al Genova, Massimino's courtesy runner Barba did not chance a go at home. Walsh was intentionally walked then Velez lofted his game-winning RBI sacrifice fly to right.

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Awnings Staggers Kenilworth in UC 60+ B Div. Game 1, 15-11





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